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## Biggest Christmas Festival yet

by Tom Glover

BRIDPORT was lit up in style last week as thousands turned out to support the biggest Christmas Festival yet.

The Mayor and May-

ress, Martin and Maggie Ray had the honour of switching on the Christmas lights and then visi-

tors enjoyed an evening of festive entertainment and shopping.

There were more stalls

booked than ever before and demand was so great that the town hall had to be used for the first time to accommodate everyone.

At the heart of it all in

Bucky Doo there was music all night from the St Swithun's Band, Bridport Schools Choir, St Mary's Singing Group and many more.

Around the town you could find clowns balloon modelling, Punch and Judy shows and of course the ever popular Bridport Christmas Tree Festival.

Santa worked tirelessly all night in his grotto and the arts centre was equally busy with a constant stream of children all wanting to join in with the Christmas card making workshop.

Chairman of the Bridport Christmas Festival

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■ THE Ravenhill family sell mistletoe outside the arts centre

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**AFTER** a career spent touring the globe in her work as a physiotherapist Becky Loader moved to West Dorset eight-years-ago.

Becky now works out of her own clinic in Charmouth whilst also taking care of her three young children, Holly, 10, Emily, five, and Matthew, two.

Becky qualified as a physiotherapist at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham more than 20-years-ago. She has kept her work fresh by always looking for new challenges and has spent time working in London, Hong Kong and Australia.

Becky has spent a lot of her career specialising in sports injuries after completing a postgraduate degree in the field.

Becky now works with a range of patients at her clinic in Charmouth which re-opened last month. She took time out to speak about her career journey and her plans for Christmas day.

**■ WHAT do you like most about the area?**

I love the way the children are being brought up and I think that was the main reason we moved here. It's really safe and there's loads to do. They've got the beach, the walks and the parks. It's a very slow pace of life and so laid back. It's great, very natural.

**■ WHAT made you choose a career in physiotherapy?**

Biology was always my favourite subject at school and I wanted to combine that with working with people. A friend of mine had left school a couple of years earlier and was saying how much she was enjoying the training so I think it was a really nice combination for things I enjoy doing.

**■ WHO are the most high profile athletes you have worked with?**

It would be the all England ladies Under 16 hockey team. I worked with them for a year as a physiotherapist, helping with the training, rehab and at pitch side and that was fantastic. We travelled to Spain, Germany and Lilleshall and Bisham Abbey and that was really interesting. In Hong Kong working in the sports clinic I used to treat people from the Western Samoa rugby team as well.

**■ WHAT is the best part of your job?**

I think it's making a difference. People can come to me in a lot of pain, or are off work or having their life affected in a number of ways and you can actually help to change that and I think that's really nice to know.

**■ Who would you recommend your service to?**

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It's suiting me working here at the moment because the children are so small but I would love to work with other professionals in a bigger clinic. Just to work in a big multi-disciplinary clinic would be really good.

**■ WHO would be your three dream guests for a dinner party?**

It would be Rick Stein to do the cooking, Ella Fitzgerald for the music and Colin Firth for everything else.

**■ WHAT is your favourite part of Christmas?**

I absolutely love Christmas. I love the lights, candles and everyone coming together. We have got a big extended family. There will be 15 of us at Christmas eve and 12 on Christmas day. It's just the fact that everyone comes together and we can catch up and all the children can play together.

**■ WHAT three things are on your Christmas list?**

Well obviously peace, happiness and joy. I don't really have a Christmas list, I think it would just be seeing the children happy and doing what they want to do. I just want everyone to enjoy there Christmas day together.

**■ DESCRIBE your perfect Christmas day?**

We get up really early in the morning and the children will open their stockings. They'll bring all the presents onto the bed so we can unwrap everything together. We have a lazy breakfast and then go down to the beach for the Christmas day swim and my mum usually takes some champagne down to the beach. After that we all come back home and have a drink and unwrap presents. Then everybody cooks the Christmas lunch together while the children play and then after a long lunch we go for a walk and that will be the perfect Christmas day.

**■ WHAT are your New Year's resolutions?**

I want to get fitter and find time for more exercise. I want to go down to Bridport Leisure Centre gym, which is always busy after Christmas. Some friends of mine have started running so I might start with some fast walking because we have got some fantastic walks around here. I want to take up a new hobby as well. I'd like to try horse riding, I'd like to ride a motorbike and I'd like to go sailing. I want to do something with a bit of adrenalin.

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**■ WHAT has been your biggest achievement?**

In my career I think it is probably working with the England hockey team but I think keeping the job fresh as well. I recently did an acupuncture course that I really loved and I like bringing all those things together. As you get older, the more experience you get, you can bring other things into it as well. There are always new techniques, approaches and methods of teaching to learn. Outside of my career it has to be my children. They are happy and confident children and that's great.

**■ WHERE do you see yourself in five years time?**

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■ TRUST chairman Peter Broomhead and friends chairman Sandra Brown

## A tree tribute to former chairman

THE founding chairman of the Bridport Millennium Green Trust was celebrated with a tree planting ceremony during National Tree Week.

Former chairman Justin Mallinson specially selected the Lutcombe Oak for the ceremony.

Mr Mallinson is now vice chairman of the trust but will be standing down in spring so the event was the perfect way to commemorate his contribution and efforts.

Mr Mallinson was a very hands on chairman whose knowledge and understanding of country-side matters were greatly appreciated by the trust.

The Friends of the Millennium Green funded the tree and a commemoration plaque.

A specimen Prunus was also planted on the day by Ms Victoria Upton and her family whose property adjoins the green.

Ms Upton kindly part funded the tree along with the friends.

The short ceremony was introduced by Peter Broomhead, chairman of the trust, in the presence of the two previous town clerks, the present town clerk and the previous and current town surveyors who had all worked alongside Mr Mallinson through the years since the formation of the Millennium Green.

Founder and current trustees were also present along with Miss Sandra Brown, chairman of the friends and members of the friends committee.

Following the planting there was a short reception at Mountfield where Mr Mallinson thanked all those involved with the trust. He was then presented with a collection of Bridport Millennium Green designed goods.

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## Police hunt attackers who pushed a man in the river

POLICE are hunting four young men who attacked a 29-year-old man near a Bridport pub and threw him in the river. Detectives investigating the assault are appealing for witnesses and information after the victim reported that he had sustained facial injuries following the assault.

They said that at around 2am on Saturday (December 12<sup>th</sup>) 2009, the 29-year-old Bridport man was walking

toward Bridport town centre from the direction of the Tanners Public House in West Allington, when he was confronted by a group of young men.

Detective Constable Gerard Merchant, of Weymouth CID, said: "The man has told us that four young men squared up to him and that then a verbal altercation took place.

"The man then states that he was pushed into the nearby river.

"The victim sustained a nasty cut to his face and he was treated at Dorset County Hospital."

One of the four men is described as being five feet nine inches tall, of an average build and with short dark hair.

No further description of the four men is available.

DC Merchant continued: "I'd like to hear from anyone who witnessed any

incident, and from anyone who saw any suspicious activity in the West Allington area at around 2am last Saturday, as soon as possible.

"I'd also like to speak urgently with anyone who has any other information about this incident and those involved."

Witnesses and anyone with information should call Dorset Police on 01305 222 222 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111.



■ CHRISTMAS MEMORIES - Staff at Britannia in Bridport with their Christmas memory tree

## Remember a loved one

STAFF at Britannia in Bridport are inviting customers to call and leave a message on their Christmas memory tree.

The Christmas tree will be in the office until twelfth night and for a donation of £1 to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance customers can write a message to a loved one

by Tom Glover

and hang it on the tree.

The festive fundraising idea follows on from a year of fundraising for the air ambulance. Staff members Katie Hopgood and Diana Grieg completed a 5km walk in October, raising over £150.

The branch is also collecting plastic milk bottle tops, which will then be sold for recycling to raise more money for the charity.

Branch Manager Katy Heathman said: "We have had a couple of experiences when we had to use the air ambulance so it is a charity that is quite dear to our hearts."

## Arrested for criminal damage

A 25-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested and charged with criminal damage offences and assault on police.

The arrest followed a report of damage being caused to vehicles in the Coronation Road area of Bridport last week.

As a result of calls from the public, the man was detained nearby and arrested. During the arrest he allegedly assaulted a police officer who sustained minor injuries but remained on duty.

Acting Inspector Hughes said: "There was an act of wanton vandalism to three vehicles and two garden walls.

"I would like to thank those people who rang in to provide information as it assisted officers in locating the male and prevented further damage being caused. Anyone who has damage to their vehicles or property in that area which they believe may be as a result of this male are asked to contact Dorset Police so the matter can be investigated."

Police said the man was due to appear before Blandford magistrates.

## Woman hurt in crash

A 26-YEAR-OLD motorist was arrested after a crash on the A35 at Vinney's Cross, east of Bridport.

A woman in another car was taken to hospital with injuries sustained in the crash which happened at 10pm on Sunday.

The arrested motorist was later said to be assisting police with their enquiries."

The man, from Southampton, was driving a Vauxhall Corsa when it was in collision with a green Peugeot driven by the injured woman.

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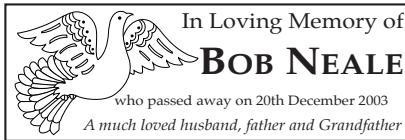
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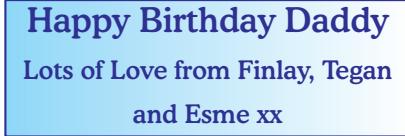
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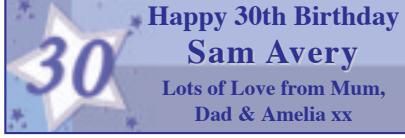


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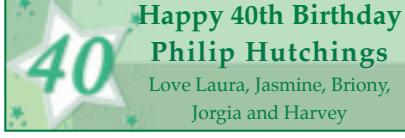
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Happy 21st Birthday  
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Happy 4th Birthday

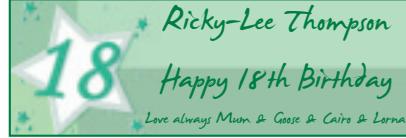
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## New holiday guide to tempt tourists into West Dorset

by David Dawson

A GUIDE full of ideas on how to enjoy West Dorset in 2010 has been published to take advantage of an increase in local tourism as people choose "staycations" over foreign holidays.

The Holiday Guide 2010, produced by West Dorset District Council, has details of the district's visitor attractions and ideas for where to stay.

Local businesses and councils across Dorset have been working together as part of a new partnership to launch a series of initiatives to make the most of the renewed interest in holidaying in the UK.

A new tourism partnership, Destination Dorset, was launched in April bringing together public, private and

voluntary sectors. Destination Dorset aims to ensure that the tourism industry in Dorset remains one of the most important industries in the county and is able to meet the changing demands of the visitor.

The partnership has launched a new website [www.visit-dorset.com](http://www.visit-dorset.com) and visitors and residents can also follow [www.twitter.com/Dorset-Tourism](http://www.twitter.com/Dorset-Tourism) and join the Visit-Dorset Facebook group to keep updated on the latest tourism and events news.

West Dorset District Council Leader Councillor Robert Gould said: "This year has seen an increase in visitors to the district for day trips

and holidays as people choose to holiday closer to home.

"It is important that we continue to attract more visitors to the district to support local businesses, particularly during the recession. The Holiday Guide is ideal for visitors and residents who want to uncover all that West Dorset has to offer."

Tourism brings in around £210 million to the West Dorset economy and supports around 7,000 jobs – around a fifth of all employment in the district.

Copies of the Holiday Guide 2010 are available from one of West Dorset Tourist Information Centres in Dorchester, Bridport and Lyme Regis.

### Last post

THE final date for getting first class post in the system in West Dorset in time to arrive by Christmas Day is Monday, December 21st, says the Royal Mail.

And the last recommended posting day for second class mail is Friday, December 18th.

If using Royal Mail's Special Delivery for valuable or last minute Christmas gifts they must be in the post by Wednesday December 23rd.

### Freeze on parking charges?

CAR parking charges across West Dorset could be frozen next year – making it the fifth consecutive year that short-stay charges have remained the same.

A report due to go before the district council's Executive Committee recommends no increase in the price for car park charges and permits next year.

The report, which follows a review of the parking service, recommends that parking charges be frozen for 2010/2011.

The report also advises the committee of:

- Free parking in Dorchester after 5pm every Wednesday from 2 December until Christmas
- Measures taken to reduce anti-social

behaviour in West Bay Road car park

- The benefits of bringing the coin counting service in-house

- The introduction of the pay by mobile parking service in Dorchester, providing drivers with an alternative way to pay for their parking

- The provision of free parking or financial help with Christmas lights in the district's towns

Technical Services Manager Steve Woollard said: "We are recommending a freeze on car parking charges to support the local economy and bring visitors and shoppers from outside the district into West Dorset, as well as helping local residents.



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# Students stage human rights workshop

AN invited audience attended the town hall last week as secondary school students led a workshop aimed at making Bridport a rights respecting town.

The mayor Martin Ray

by Tom Glover

led the meeting of the Rights Respecting Bridport Steering group.

He had invited guests to

attend a workshop run by local secondary school students. The students led the group in exploring the

rights that all citizens of Bridport have and the consequent responsibilities and obligations this places on them to everyone else living in and visiting the town.

The meeting was a culmination of work by young children since the pilot Rights Respecting School programme was introduced to Bridport Primary School by

headteacher Ruth Clench in 2003. The pilot scheme led the school earlier this year to be only the second Dorset school to achieve level two of the Rights Respecting School award.

Children from the school carried on their work when they moved to The Sir John Colfox School and the school, recognising this, began its own journey towards becoming rights respecting three months ago when the school's student council leader contacted Dorset's Principal Primary Inspector and UNICEF partner, David Powell. Mr Powell met with a delegation of young people and Deputy Head, David Herbert.

At this meeting they developed a workshop to which they invited the Mayor Martin Ray and Bridport school headteachers and pupils. The out-

come of that first workshop saw the formation of a steering group of young people and adults.

The children and staff of Bridport schools will be putting on a special UNICEF exhibition and afternoon performance on rights and responsibilities at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, January 23rd followed by an evening Celidh with songs from a special Bridport Citizens choir.

The free schools performance starts at 3pm in the Arts Centre. Tickets for the Celidh starting at 7.30pm will be available from the Arts Centre at £5 each.



■ RIGHTS RESPECTING: Young people who led the workshop with mayor and mayoress Martin and Maggie Ray

## Seaton defences completed

A £105,000 scheme to repair and strengthen Seaton's sea defences has been finished, giving homes extra protection from erosion.

The rock armour protecting the base of the stabilised coastal slope has been reinforced with 1,600 tonnes of Mendip limestone. This increases the height of existing protection and extending it westwards by 15 metres.

Traffic management arrangements, agreed with Dorset County Council, enabled the rock to be brought in by road with the minimum of disruption.

Heavy construction machinery was taken in and out across the fields, with the cooperation of local landowners.

West Dorset District Council and the Environment Agency each paid £50,000 for the coast protection works and Dorset County Council contributed £5,000 for minor

highway improvements. Dorset County Council ecologists are organising the reseeding of the remaining areas of bare earth with locally collected grass and herb species.

West Dorset District Council Leader Robert Gould said: "I am pleased that working with the Environment Agency and Dorset County Council we have been able to com-

plete this scheme before the winter, avoiding the risk of further damage to homes and buildings in the area. We would like to thank residents and landowners for their patience and cooperation during the work."

The district council appointed Raymond Brown Construction Ltd as the contractor for the scheme.

## Art society members enjoy Foster's demo

STEPHEN Foster, a painter from Christchurch who was once an art historian and made watercolours his main occupation for many years, showed with great skill and artistry his love of painting oils with a palette knife at Bridport Art Society's November demonstration.

After a break for Christmass, the Art Society will meet again at the St John Ambulance Hall in Rax Lane on Thursday January 28th at 7.30pm when Jenny Trotman will appraise members' work.

New members are always welcome to join the Society, please contact the Secretary on 01308 459822 for more details.

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# Festive fun for all at Bridport's

■ Continued from page 1

Committee, Arthur Woodgate said: "We really enjoyed it and it went really well. All the responses we have received so far have been really positive. It was certainly the biggest for us since we started three years ago and the festival has really developed over those years."

"The highlight for me had to be seeing the lights turned on and just the magic of it all. We worked through out the day so when dusk came and the lights came on it just had a magical effect and there was a lovely atmosphere in the town. One adult said to me that he had never seen Bridport looking so magical."

"We are already planning to make it even bigger next year and will be looking to get some extra fairground rides for the teenagers."

"I would just like to thank everyone involved, we have had very good support."



■ GRAY Wolfe and Ted Boswell offer free samples at Jaxsons



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# Funding boost for coastline defences

by Tom Glover

THE coastline of Charmouth and Seatown is to benefit from a £376,500 funding boost.

The Jurassic Coast of Dorset and East Devon has been selected as one of 15 areas awarded a share of Government funding to help meet the challenges of rising sea levels and coastal erosion posed by climate change.

Dorset County Council, in partnership with Devon County Council and a range of other partners under the banner of the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site, has successfully bid for a £376,500 portion

of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (Defra) Coastal Change Pathfinder Fund.

The authorities have identified six of the coastal communities most vulnerable to environmental change along the Jurassic Coast that will benefit from the fund. Charmouth and Seatown have been named alongside, New Swanage, Ringstead, Preston Beach Road, Weymouth and Sidmouth.

The money will be used to support a range of activi-

ties aimed at helping coastal communities along the Jurassic Coast to better understand and adapt to the impacts of coastal change.

Suggested projects out-

lined in the Pathfinder bid include:

- Developing a range of site-specific coastal change scenarios to encourage discussion and a deeper understanding of the issues and to help form strategies and contingency plans to respond to future events;

- A range of high quality visual media to illustrate the extent of past coastal change and potential future change, including dedicated web pages at the Jurassic Coast website: [www.jurassiccoast.com](http://www.jurassiccoast.com);

- Developing a 'coastal change champions' network of community leaders to stimulate and shape debate around coastal change at a local level;

- Developing a training programme for a network of coastal change facilitators, drawn from planning officers and community development workers, to

carry out specialist discussion around coastal change and responses to it.

- A major conference in 2011 to spread best practice and promote communication between communities.

Hilary Cox, Dorset County Council cabinet member for environment, said: "We are delighted that our bid has been successful.

"The coastal communities of Dorset and East

Devon have lived with dynamic change for generations but it is clear that the risks and impacts from erosion, storms and rising sea levels are going to increase in future.

"The Pathfinder funding

will help take the future discussions we are having with the communities most at risk from these changes to a new level, helping us to visualise what change may look like and develop options to adapt."

## Can you help out at hospice shop?

JULIA'S House children's hospice is looking for volunteers to work in its shop in Bridport.

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To volunteer or find out more contact June Maidment, volunteer co-ordinator, or Ann Scovell, retail manager, on 01202 607400.

■ THE Inner Wheel Club of Bridport were joined by many friends when they held their Festive Evening in the Town Hall recently.

President Sheila Vastenhout welcomed guests who included President Deen Baksh from the Rotary Club of Bridport, President John Dobinson from the Rotary Club of Brit Valley and Mr Geoffrey Ackerman, Deputy Mayor of Bridport.

Members of the Club had prepared a magnificent buffet enjoyed with a glass or two served from the bar by Rotary Club members.

There was a spectacular "basket tombola", a raffle and other games - few left the evening empty-handed!

Christine Prdeaux and Friends rounded off the occasion with a wonderful performance of Dorset prose and music.

All proceeds from this happy evening will be distributed amongst charities chosen by members of the Club.



### Inner Wheel get in festive mood

■ WELCOME: (from left) John Dobinson, Sheila Vastenhout, Deen Baksh and Geoffrey Ackerman

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# Fathers get bonding at 'Satedad'

A NEW Saturday morning project to encourage fathers to get involved more with the development of their children was tested at the Bridport Children's Centre in Bridport last week.

The scheme allows dads, who maybe don't get as much time as they would like to bond with their children because of work commit-

ments, the opportunity to spend quality time with their children, and perhaps give mum a few hours to herself.

The initiative, nicknamed 'Satedad', a joint effort between Dorset County Council and Sure Start Children's Centres is being trialled following the success in other parts of the county.

Jonny Hoskins, a Father's Outreach Worker with Sure Start, implemented the scheme with other fathers in Bridport, which attracted a number of families to the centre in Skilling Hill Road for what is hoped will be a regular meeting.

He said: "We are following models of other schemes around the county which have proved to be a success.

"There is growing evidence that a father's involvement in their children's development, especially through play, sets them up to success in all areas of their life.

"It's a good meeting place with a range of high quality play equipment and craft activities available, and an opportunity for dads to meet and, if they want, discuss any various aspects of parenthood."

The meeting, which runs from

9:30am to noon, is open to all men looking after children up to five years old, and older siblings are welcome as well.

If there is enough interest then it is planned to run it on a regular basis, and the hope that it can be expanded to Lyme Regis and Beaminster.

"We would welcome interest from those areas to see if it is feasible," said Jonny.

Anyone who would like more in-

formation on the Bridport meeting or interest from Lyme or Beaminster should ring 01308 421714.

If testaments are anything to go by they are off to a great start.

One dad said: "It is a really nice place to hang out and I get some quality time with my children."

The children were just as enthusiastic. William (2) said he liked drawing, whilst Willow (4) liked the dolls.

## Shirley's last show this week

■ A POPULAR dance teacher in the town is putting on her final dance show this week.

Shirley Ewart started Les Bois Theatre School 22 years ago after moving to the area from London and this year is particularly special for Shirley because it also marks 40 years of teaching for her.

During her time in Bridport hundreds of pupils have passed through her school and many have achieved superb results in their exams, have taken part in fantastic shows and gained the poise and confidence to perform in public; with many former pupils going on to college to continue their studies and several who have performed nationally.

Shirley will still keep busy performing with her singing group Mezzo, as a freelance choreographer and musical director and a founder member of the 'Once in a Blue Moon Productions' com-



■ ONE LAST TIME: Current dancers at the school with Miss Shirley Ewart preparing for the final dance show

pany.

If you are a former pupil of the Les Bois Theatre School, or would like to see their final show, choreographed by Shirley, come

along to Freshwater on Wednesday, December 15th (Tonight), 16th, or 17th at 7.30 pm.

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■ GREAT TIME: Some of the dads and their children enjoying what is hoped will be a regular Satedad meeting

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# ViewLetters

## Delay tactic on Cups exactly as predicted

■ THE report, recently posted on the internet, from Dr Evans, Director of Planning and Environment at WDDC, urging the seven-person WDDC Executive to again delay taking compulsory purchase action on the Three Cups for yet another three months is sadly exactly what Community Alert on Pubs and Hotels predicted when he did it last time, and the WDDC committee acquiesced (using some extraordinary arguments, including that no-one had come forward as a potential buyer for either the Three Cups or the Old Swan - when Palmers have specifically and consistently stated that neither is for sale!!)

In his report he also on the Three Cups selected the word 'some' when he says, "Palmers are also mindful of the view from some residents in Lyme Regis that the hotel should be refurbished as a hotel".

It would have been perhaps a more honest reflection of the truth had he decided not to select the word 'some', as it is publicly known that it is "many", or "most", or "virtually all"

of the residents of Lyme Regis. (It has been constantly publicised that on one day alone 1,400 signatures from residents and visitors were received on the petition, 1,397 of them in favour of compulsory purchase.)

Lyme now has - as can be seen from their website - a few thousand signatures of residents and visitors, and state that well over 95% of those residents approached have signed for compulsory purchase.)

Maybe if Palmers, Chesterton Humberts and/or WDDC had accepted the invitation to be present at public meetings in Lyme on June 5th or October 16th - instead of staying away - they would be clearer on the electorate's views....?

Would it actually be possible for a Council to delay real action (not little cosmetic, drawn-out steps) any more?

After almost 8,000 and 5,000 days respectively the Director is pleading for another 90 days of slippage on Lyme, i.e. an increase from 8,000 to 8,090 days and to almost 5,090 on Toller.

It would be comical were it not tragic, and it must be enormously depressing for the local Town and Parish Councils and support groups.

Does the fact he refers only to the (very important) 'residents', and omits in his report visitors from Britain, international visitors, the Director of Tourism Southwest, etc, also reflect something of the narrowness of Stratton House thinking?

When is WDDC going to have the courage to face the situation and use the statutory powers it has at Lyme Regis and Toller Porcorum, instead of publishing words that belittle the hopes and aspirations of the great majority of concerned people in West Dorset and beyond?

If the Three Cups or Old Swan were situated next to Stratton House does anyone think they would ever have been allowed to 'Dilapidate and Rot' for decades and become dangerous?

John Grantham,  
Community Alert

## Show your support for the Trick Factory

■ ROBERT Ridge may be an excellent local plumber, but he works just as hard as the creator of the Trick Factory, Bridport's nationally renowned indoor BMX bike and skateboard facility.

I am one of the many people who has benefited from Robert's extraordinary passion. It was reported this week that the £180,000 outdoor skateboard facility in Dorchester has reduced anti-social behaviour by giving young people a place to let off steam. The Trick Factory is a better facility, is indoors (and can therefore be used during the winter), and has cost the council nothing.

Now the Trick Factory is under threat. The developers of the St Michael's Trading Estate want to kick the Trick Factory out to improve the odds of getting planning permission.

A few nights ago we had a planning meeting on how to save the place, and the crowd of young people who showed up variously referred to Robert as their "idol" and "mentor", or the person they wanted to be like when they grow up.

We set up a facebook page (Trick Factory Support

Group, <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=189342017460&ref=ts>) and it has 1,100 names on it after four days.

Everyone has been writing on the Facebook page about what would happen if the Trick Factory were closed. My favourite to date, from one young woman, is "If the Trick were closed, the guys would stop going there, and I would probably be pregnant."

All this is a tribute to what a fantastic job Robert has done. He has been down there Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and long hours on Saturday and Sunday, for ten years. It is all non-profit. Hundreds of young people have benefited.

The man is a saint, and he deserves our support. We are having an open evening at the Trick Factory on Thursday, December 17th, at 6pm, where everyone can see what a local gem the place is.

Willy Bartlett  
[will-ber-force@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:will-ber-force@hotmail.co.uk)

## Christmas Festival committee full of ideas

■ THANK you for your excellent coverage of last week's Christmas Festival.

We hope that everyone who was able to make it enjoyed this event, which we feel is developing well from year to year - a few more surprises are already being planned for 2010.

With the support of Bridport Town Council and of the Chamber of Trade and Commerce the Christmas Festival has been organised, and very much re-vitalised, by a voluntary Steering Committee over the last

three years. It's not a big group, but it's a very effective one.

Frances Pearsall is our excellent Event Co-ordinator, and we couldn't wish for a better one.

The hard work of Town Surveyor, Daryl Chambers, has done much to ensure the Festival's success, as has the imaginative ideas and financial acumen of our Treasurer, Ron Bishop.

The Chamber of Trade is well-represented by Mike Harvey, who brings a different and essential perspective to the proceedings.

It's not that usual to have the input of a group of "twenty-somethings" on a committee of this sort, and it's been exhilarating to work with Gabby Hitchin and Jess Grimshaw from the Electric Palace, and with Jason Foote - Jason's energy, ideas, and ability to translate those ideas into action has been a bit of a revelation.

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Arthur Woodgate, Chair  
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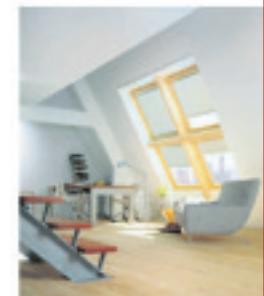
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## Bridport Nativity this weekend

■ THE BRIDPORT Nativity will see the town transformed into Bethlehem again this year – complete with a donkey and new-born baby.

The event was started five years ago by a few churchgoers and Churches Together in Bridport and District have since then made it an important part of their outreach programme.

A planning committee is set up several months beforehand so the true message of Christmas can be brought to the community amongst the Saturday morning market stalls.

Each year a baby is found to play the part of Jesus. Adults and children dress up as magi, shepherds and angels, walk along East and South Street and arrive at Bucky Doo square on cue for a tableau.

Mary, Joseph and a real live donkey come along West Street, knock on the door of an inn, and are sent away to the stable in Bucky Doo.

Crowds gather in Bucky Doo square and watch the tableau as it unfolds, listen to readings and sing carols accompanied by St Swithun's Silver Band.

The donkey (with thanks to Freshwater Holiday Park) is always a hit with the youngsters, and llamas have recently been introduced which arrive with the magi.

A script is followed that introduces some modern elements to help make the event interesting and suitable for all ages in the community.

The event is signed for the hard of hearing.

This year the Nativity will be held in Bucky Doo square and the streets of Bridport from 11 am on Saturday 19th December and is free of charge.

FATHER Christmas popped into Bridport on Saturday to say hello during his busy schedule leading up to the big day.

He spent some time in Bucky Doo Square meeting and greeting children and their parents as they went about their shopping.

Riding the Rotary Club of Bridport sleigh Father Christmas explained in an exclusive interview with *View from Bridport*: "The reindeer are having a rest and long hot baths in preparation for Christmas Eve, and my sleigh is in the garage having an MOT to make sure my brakes allow me to stop at every house. The elves are busy packing the presents."

The recent Sing Sankey night featuring the Weymouth Salvation Army Band was such a success with almost 250 people attending, that the Rotary Club have already booked them for next year's concert.

■ NICE TO MEET YOU: Ben Brown (3) climbed on dad's shoulders to meet Father Christmas in Bucky Doo Square

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DEPARTS: 10.10.10    RETURNS: 15.10.10

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**Itinerary:** Dublin, Waterford Glass, New Ross, Kilkenney, Avoca (Where popular tv series Ballykissangel was filmed), Glendalough, Wicklow, Hook Peninsula. Admission charges may apply.

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## SCOTLAND

### 9 DAY IN INVERNESS

DEPARTS: 20.06.10    RETURNS: 28.06.10

Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further six nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

**Itinerary:** St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales), Fishguard (a pretty north Pembrokeshire coastal town and harbour), Tenby (free time in the town), Carmarthen, Saundersfoot. Admission charges may apply

**£279**

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## ENGLAND

### 5 DAYS IN EASTBOURNE

DEPARTS: 26.07.10    RETURNS: 30.07.10

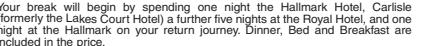
DEPARTS: 13.09.10    RETURNS: 17.09.10

Your break will begin by travelling to Eastbourne and spending four nights at the Mansion Lions Hotel, situated on the Grand Parade. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

**Itinerary:** Canterbury, Hastings Beachy Head, Rye, Battle Brighton, Leisure Day in Eastbourne

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## SCOTLAND

### 8 DAYS IN OBAN

DEPARTS: 13.08.10    RETURNS: 20.08.10

Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Oban (formerly the Oban Bay Hotel), a further five nights at the Royal Hotel, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

**Itinerary:** Fort William, Neptune's Staircase, the Commando Memorial, Mull and Iona tour by Ferry and Coach, Cruanach, The ollow Mountain, Bridge over the Atlantic, Bridge of Orchy, Glencoe, Ballachulish, Seil Island

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## SCOTLAND

### 5 DAY SCOTTISH & NORTH ENGLAND TOUR

DEPARTS: 18.10.10    RETURNS: 22.10.10

Your break will begin by travelling north to Dumfrieshire and staying four nights at the Gretna Hall Hotel, situated in the heart of Gretna Green. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast included in the price.

**Itinerary:** Half day excursions to Dumfries, Carlisle, Hadrians Wall to Heysham, Lake Windermere, Kirkstone Pass. Admission charges may apply.

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## HOLLAND

### 5 DAY DUTCH TOUR

DEPARTS: 18.04.10    RETURNS: 22.04.10

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DEPARTS: 20.04.10    RETURNS: 01.05.10

## IRELAND

### 8 DAYS IN DONEGAL

DEPARTS: 05.09.10    RETURNS: 13.09.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Donegal and staying five nights at The Central Hotel, then a further night at The Whites Hotel on the return journey.

**Itinerary:** The Giants Causeway, Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Mullaghmore Head, Donegal (made famous by poet W.B. Yeats), Enniskillen, Donegal Bay Boat Trip, Sligo, Ballybock Famous Pottery, Killybegs, Olencomie Folk Village, Glengesh Pass, Ardara. Admission charges may apply

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DEPARTS: 04.06.10    RETURNS: 09.06.10

Your break will begin by travelling to Caernarfon and spending five nights at the Royal Hotel, Caernarfon. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

**Itinerary:** Portmeirion Village, Conwy, Llandudno, Great Orme & Betws-y-Coed. Walks to the Great Orme, Conwy Castle, the Great Orme's Head, the statue of the Prince of Wales took place, Snowdonia National Park, Beaumaris Castle, Snowdon Mountain Railway, Ffestiniog Railway to Porthmadog (going through the Llechwedd slate caverns), Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll

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DEPARTS: 04.07.10    RETURNS: 19.07.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Tralee and staying 6 nights at The Brandon Hotel then staying a further night back at The Whites Hotel on the return journey. Dinner, bed and breakfast are included in the price.

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DEPARTS: 11.07.10    RETURNS: 19.07.10

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DEPARTS: 22.08.10    RETURNS: 30.08.10

Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Lisdoonvarna and staying six nights at the Imperial Hotel and one night at the Whites Hotel on the return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

**Itinerary:** Tipperary, Ennis Town (13th Century Franciscan Friary - The Burren), Aran Island by boat & The Cliffs of Moher (Weather Permitting), Bunratty Castle, Killimer, Kilrush, Kilkee, Milltown, Malbay, Galway. Admission charges may apply

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DEPARTS: 20.09.10    RETURNS: 24.09.10

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DEPARTS: 15.11.10    RETURNS: 19.11.10

Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.

**Itinerary:** Skipton, Settle, Foulridge Canal Boat Trip (weather Permitting) Hawes Christmas Market Time for Christmas Shopping in Blackpool

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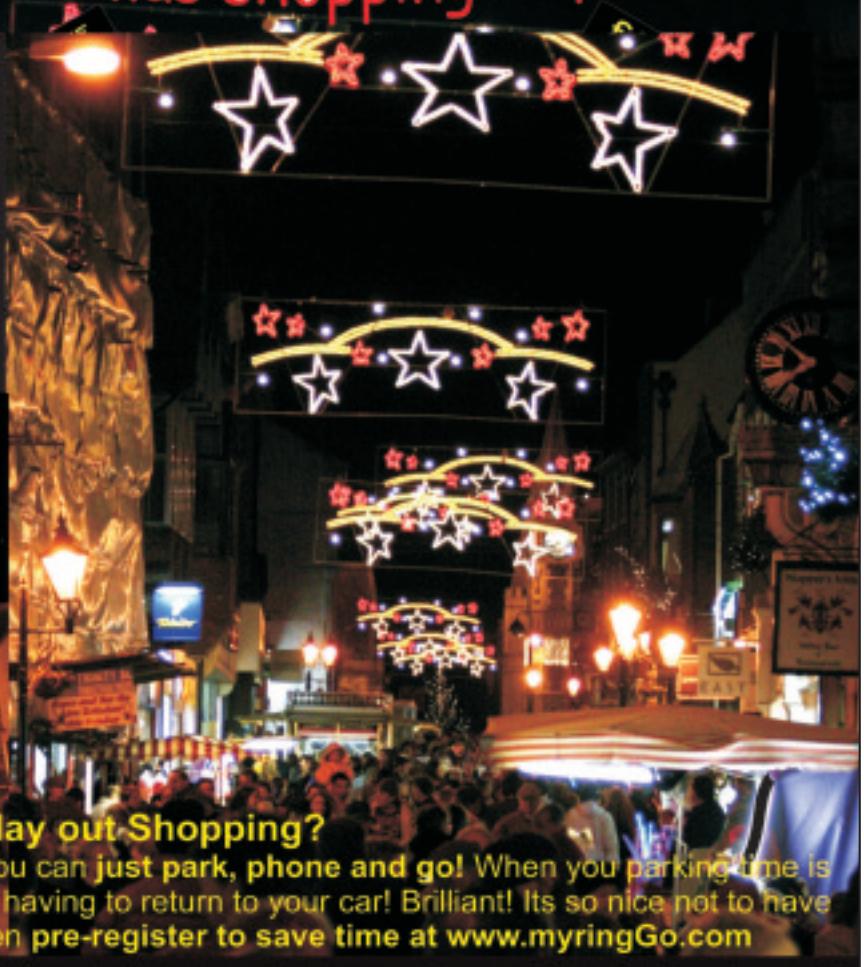
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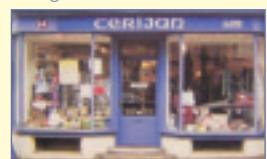
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# View profile

# From the front line to fighting fit

FROM his teenage years, as part of Exeter City Football Club, to jungle training in Borneo, and from team building with the World Cup winning England Rugby squad, to putting 130 people a week through their paces in his spinning classes, Chris Horsfield has always had a passion for training and for being part of a team.

Chris left the Royal Marines last month after 22-years service. He may not have had the football career he dreamed of as a teenager, but he did at least have a career of two halves serving 11-years on the front line before taking up a role as a Physical Training Instructor in 1998.

Influenced by his grandfather, who rose through the ranks to Major in the Army, Chris decided on his career path early on.

He said: "I thought if I couldn't be a professional footballer I would go and join the Royal Marines, which would give me that team ethic and a challenging physical way of life. I joined up when I was 17-years-old. I wasn't particularly big or strong but I

think what drove me through was my mental attitude, I was quite determined."

Chris attended a three-day Potential Royal Marines Course with school friend Lee Taylor and both passed with flying colours.

"Out of our batch of 27 we came first and second. We were very proud to do that when we were so young," he said.

Despite suffering a blood infection, Chris got through the arduous 32-week training in one hit.

After passing out he went straight into soldiering, serving in the most difficult conditions and in some highly dangerous situations.

He operated and trained in Norway, Borneo, Northern Ireland and South Africa at times in the most severe arctic, desert and jungle conditions. It was during his time in Belfast that Chris received a special commendation after leading a re-supply operation, a highlight of his early career.

After marrying Miranda in 1996, Chris began to look for a new challenge

This week TOM GLOVER talks to former Royal Marine CHRIS HORSFIELD about his career in the Marines and as a physical training instructor.

that would bring him closer to home. This was to be the second half of his career.

He said: "When I got married I started to think, hang on a minute, I can pass on some of my experience by training recruits. I was a corporal by now and showing leadership potential, so I was selected to go to Lympstone and went onto a training team.

"Once I sampled getting on a training team my sporting attributes and physical ability started to come to the surface and thought actually this is really appealing and positive."

Due to the competition to be a Royal Marine PTI Chris missed out on his first attempt to land the job. He wasn't deterred and went straight back in at the next opportunity, this time landing the role. Chris later took the opportunity to specialise as a Remedial Instructor, this rehabilitation role entailed helping injured recruits

and Marines get back to duties. A role in which he remained until his retirement.

"At the moment with the amount of injured service men and women coming back from Iraq and Afghanistan, remedial instructors often end up spending many hours with personnel with life changing injuries that include, amputees, double amputees or even triple amputees," said Chris.

"It's incredibly rewarding. I like helping people to achieve what they want or need to achieve, whether it's training for their green beret and improving fitness, or whether it's getting someone back walking with an injured limb. There are some very brave young men and women, doing a difficult job."

A highlight of Chris' PTI career was working with the World Cup England rugby team of 2007.

Manager at the time, Brian Ashton brought his squad of 50 down to the Royal Marines base in Poole where Chris was one of ten staff chosen to organise the "Champions Challenge", a team building exercise to aid squad selection.

Chris said: "The aim was to get his squad of 50 down to 35 before they went out to Portugal to do strength and conditioning training.

"I had four days with all the England players and they were all top boys, it was great fun. As far as my career goes as a physical training instructor that was one of the best things without a doubt.

"Danny Cipriani impressed me the most. He was the one always looking at his watch asking what he could and couldn't do to win. He was very inquisitive and stood out massively.

"Lewis Moody was an absolutely top bloke as well. He wears his heart on his sleeve with a happy go lucky attitude. He's been plagued with a lot of injury recently but he is back to his best now.

"They didn't retain the title that summer but they got to the final, which was a relief."

Chris's first encounter with spinning came after he used it as a rehabilitation tool while working as a remedial instructor.

For those not familiar with spinning, it is a form of cycling invented by a South African triathlete to allow him to train during the winter. The phenomenon came to England at the turn of the millennium and



now classes up and down the country spin to music.

"A spinning bike is very basic and there are no kind of bells, whistles or lights. It needs to be that way so people who spin can work to their own level without looking at someone else's monitor and realising how fast or hard they're going. It's a group activity where everyone is having a good time and working out together and that's the beauty of it."

"People come for different reasons, so people can tick along and lose weight and work next to a athlete who is completely fit. I like to break down the barriers to exercise, which can allow people to exercise together; I have several families who come together," he said.

Chris began to run spinning classes at work but after he was re-located he no longer had the space to run the lessons.

Chris decided to buy an MPV and 20 spinning bikes so that he could run the classes outside of work. He said: "I just invited a few friends round initially and said I'll hire a hall and you can join me, see what you think because I was going to do it regardless."

"I started with three classes a week and more and more people started to come, so I started to charge £5 to cover the cost of the bikes and the hall."

Interest in Chris' classes continues to grow. So what had initially started off as a hobby, quickly turned into a business.

"I'm a mobile spinning

unit now and I'm running seven classes a week between Charmouth and Seaton and we are getting sometimes over 130 people," he said.

"I think its popularity grew through word of mouth. People who have done it before recognise how motivational, enjoyable and fun it is and they tell their friends," he added.

Now Chris has more free time on his hands he is looking to the future and expanding his business.

He said: "More and more I'm getting calls from people with special clinical conditions which I am hoping to address in the New Year maybe with a class called 'huffers and puffers'. That's not meant in a derogatory manner, you can be a huffer and puffer at any age. With the increase of obesity, diabetes and heart disease, controlled exercise needs to be readily available to the local community. It's someone who requires a lower exercise intensity and higher level of management."

Chris makes a point of using local community halls for his classes and hopes that his mobile spinning unit will keep some rural communities together.

"Post offices are closing, pubs are closing and there is not much left in communities mostly they have halls," he said. "If I hire them and provide an exercise class it will enable people to socialise and promote a healthy lifestyle."

"Cycling is thought of

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Despite retiring from the Royal Marines Chris is still working on his own personal development and is halfway through a masters degree at Exeter University.

He said: "My quest for research and doing my job isn't over. I'm not the finished article and I'm still learning but I just love training people. I've still got loads of enthusiasm for what I do."

If you are interested in finding out more about Chris' spinning classes then visit [www.spinfitmobile.co.uk](http://www.spinfitmobile.co.uk).

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Remarkably, no definitive account of the Bridport textile industry had been published until this book, yet few industries have so dominated the character and changing fortunes of a town as that of rope, net and twine in Bridport.

Readable but scholarly, with sections on every known Bridport manufacturer, illustrated with well over 200 photographs, engravings, portraits, maps and plans - many of which have never been published before - Rope, Net & Twine documents an industry and way of life whose legacy still endures.

Richard Sims was at The Book Shop in South Street, Bridport signing copies of the publication for which he has spent the last 14 years on and off gathering the information from a number of sources.

"It's been a little labour of love but I felt the information needed collating into one comprehensive publication which can be used as a reference for the future," said Richard.

Copies of 'Palmers, the Story of a Dorset Brewer' which was published last year, and for which Richard was the main researcher were also on sale.

Richard is currently working on another book about all of Bridport's industrial past using the leaflets he has already produced for the Bridport Museum plus new research which is expected to be published in the spring.



**NEW BOOK** | Richard Sims discussing his new book with an interested buyer

## Popular Victorian quire concert at museum

ONE of the undoubtedly highlights in Beaminster Museum's calendar is the Christmas Concert - this year to be held on Saturday December 19th at 7.30 pm.

As ever, entertainment in the form of traditional carols will be provided by the highly accomplished West Dorset Gallery Quire appropriately attired in Victorian dress, with mulled wine and minced pies adding to the festivity of the occasion.

The programme will contain, as well as the traditional Christmas carols, some real West Gallery Music and a selection of organ pieces with Jeffery Frazer on the Museum's 19th century organ.

Tickets are £6 and are available from the Yarn Barnon Centre.

Early purchase is advised as this is a very popular event.

## Christmas on a budget - Beaminster Christmas Market and Fair

AT the Beaminster Christmas Market and Craft Fair on Saturday, December 19th there is a whole raft of people who have emerged out of the woodwork this year making a wide range of craftworks. Their hard work and creativity will make ideal presents - and you won't find any of them on the internet, in supermarkets, or from major stores. From children's wooden toys to cushion covers and hand made jewellery, as well as the ever popular Christmas plants and cards. There will be prints, photographs and paintings of local scenes and local gardens, as well as the regular suppliers of Christmas food: cheese, cider, preserves and chutneys, cakes and quiches.

As per last year the event is sharing Beaminster Town Hall with the RNLI who are holding their fund-raising Christmas Fair at which you will find all those little presents which are ideal for Christmas stocking fillers as well as larger items. They will also be serving teas and coffee and cake.

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WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16TH

**SYMONDSBURY:** Symondsbury Mummers will be performing a Christmas Special at the Town Hall from 7.30pm. Entrance is £5 to Bridport museum friends, £6 to guests, and includes mince pies and a glass of wine or soft drink.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH

**LYME REGIS:** Peter Wiles presents 'The Works' plus Xmas party at the Community Hall, Halletts Court from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19TH

**BRIDPORT:** Sing for Marie Curie at Bridport United Church Hall. Everybody welcome to join in carols.

**BRIDPORT:** Bridport Nativity held in Bucky Doo Square and the streets of Bridport from 11am. Everyone is always welcome, completely free!

**BEAMINSTER:** Christmas Concert featuring the Gallery Quire at Beaminster Museum, Whitcombe Road from 7.30pm. tickets £6 available at Yarn Barton Centre, Beaminster. Call 01308 863777 for more details.

**BRIDPORT:** Caitlin O'Farrell's Christmas Concert - music and dance by young local performers. At St Mary's Church, South Street from 7pm.

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH 2010

**LYME REGIS:** Save the Children - soup and pud lunch at the Inn Place, The Pilot Boat, 1 Bridge Street. 12noon - 2pm. £5 includes soup, pudding and coffee. Telephone 01297 560694 or 560402 for more details.

SATURDAY JANUARY 16TH 2010

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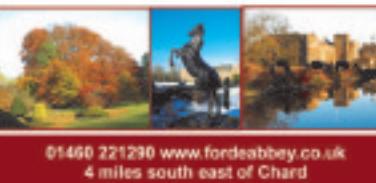
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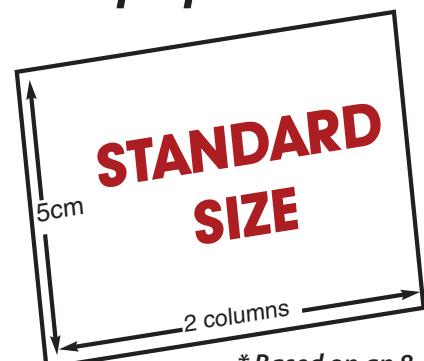
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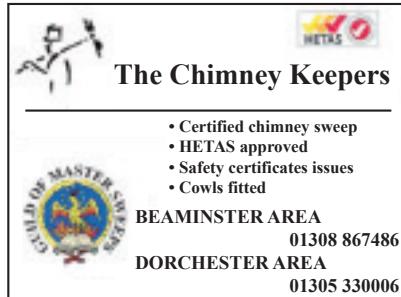
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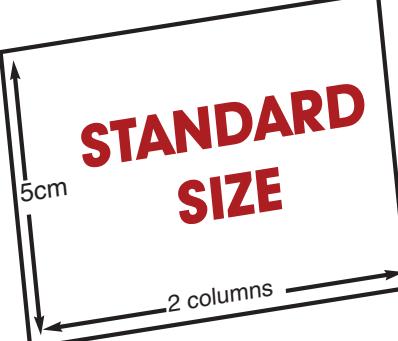
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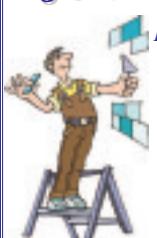
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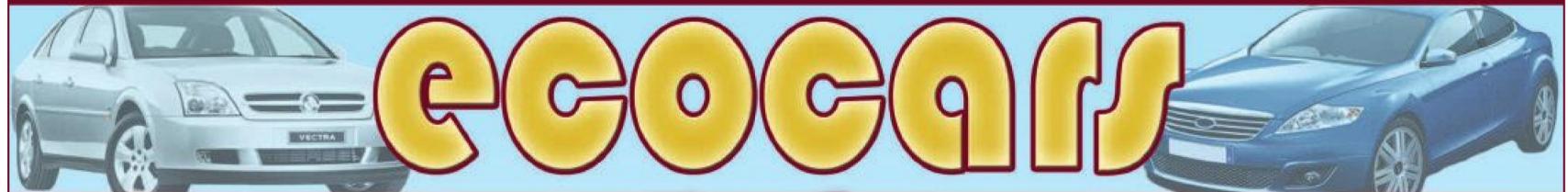
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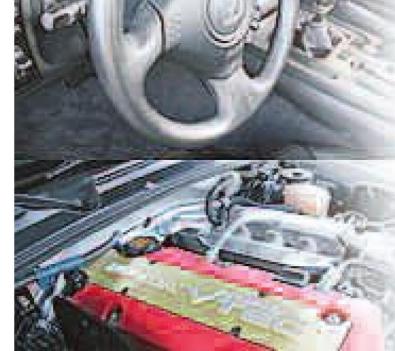
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PERRY STREET LEAGUE with HOWARD LARCOMBE

# SEASIDERS IN BOXING DAY FINAL

## Beaminster surrender two-goal lead

## DORSET INTERMEDIATE CUP

## ROUND THREE

BEAMINSTER and Allendale must do it all over again next week after Saturday's third round tie ended all-square at 2-2 after extra-time at the Memorial Ground.

Josh Hunter, up from the Reserves, gave Beaminster a half-time lead. The Rainbows looked to be heading for the quarter-finals when this was soon doubled five minutes after the restart when Murray Legg netted his 14th of the season.

But the Bournemouth League Division One outfit had other ideas and fought back to level in the 88th minute to force extra-time. The sides couldn't be split in the extra half-hour, thanks in main to a magnificent goal line clearance from Mark Carstairs, another Reserve team regular, and will meet again next Saturday on the outskirts of Wimborne.

The prize for the winners is a home tie with either Bere Regis or Ferndown Town.

## DORSET JUNIOR CUP

## QUARTER-FINAL

PYMORE travelled for their 'local-derby' clash at cup-holders Thorncombe with 10 men after the County FA decided to bring the kick-off forward to 1.15pm and several players failed to make the leave time. As it was confusion reigned at Horseshoe Lane and the game didn't start until 1.40pm.

Once underway the Thorns, in action for the first time in seven weeks, shook off the rust and made the most of their numerical advantage. Strikes from Lee Fisher and Chris Marshall saw the hosts cruise into the interval up 2-0. Nick Gray sealed things up with his first goal of the season in first team colours. The visitors at least took something from the game when regular gloveman Charlie Youngs, nursing a broken finger and playing out-field, bagged a late consolation.

Thorncombe will be the sole PSL representatives in the semi-finals. Beaminster Reserves perished without kicking a ball after failing to raise an eligible side for the trip to Athletico Dorchester.

It was a different story with ultimately the same outcome for Netherbury after a feisty encounter at Weymouth-based FC Windowman Reserves. The previously unbeaten Ambers flew out of the blocks and a double from Adam Sorrell saw them 2-0 up after just four minutes. But the hosts, who have a dubious disciplinary record forcing the appointment of a Western League official, stormed back to lead 3-2 at half-time. The game appeared to be drifting away from Netherbury when the deficit was extended to 4-2 in the 55th minute.

But Andy Loudon's side rolled-up their sleeves and another brace, this time

from leading scorer Phil Hussey, took the tie into extra-time. A replay in west Dorset looked on the cards until the last minute of the match when hosts scored what proved to be the winner.

There was still time for more drama as Hussey broke free and appeared to have completed his hat-trick only to be thwarted by an unconvincing linesman's flag. Loudon was 'sick' to the back teeth after the game, he said: "I feel we should have had a replay. Phil's third goal was outside, even his marker had his head in his hands thinking it was a goal. I was very disappointed with the official we were given – one of their players spat in Phil Hussey's face and only received a yellow card."

## CORONATION CUP SEMI-FINAL

AFTER two postponements Lyme Regis and Combe Reserves finally met in their long-awaited semi-final. The Seasiders surrendered home advantage after discussions with the League, a decision that was vindicated given the unplayable condition of the Davey Fort Ground on Saturday morning. But Lyme used this as motivation for the trip to Slades Cross and wasted little time in taking the advantage when Joe Bond pounced on a rebound after Julian Simier's shot had been blocked after just 30 seconds. The Saints, with the considerable advantage of the Slope, had their moments in the rest of the half but it was Lyme who had the ball in the net again although Adam Caddy, back after a month out with a knee injury, had his goal ruled out for offside.

The second-half began as did the first with the visitors on top. Caddy immediately struck a post and the visitors forced a succession of corners the third of which saw Dom Rowe smack a shot against the crossbar once again. Bond showed his predatory instincts and snuffed up the rebound. The result was secured in farcical circumstances when Lyme goalkeeper Ashley Caddy's free-kick from five yards inside his own half deceived the standing Saints and drifted into the net from all of 60-yards.

Crewkerne battled back and Dan McCreadie made it 2-1. But with manager Budgie Cook's instructions to 'keep it tight' the Tigers did anything but that and Steel struck back within a minute. Adam Dawe took his team's tally to six with the visitors second but it proved insufficient to half an alarming slide that now amounts to eight straight defeats.

The icing on the cake was provided by local chef Steve Batey who served up a fizzing 20-yard low-half-volley in the 71st minute to set-up a cup final with cup favourites South Petherton on Boxing Day morning.

## ARTHUR GAGE CUP ROUND ONE

WEST & Middle Chinook striker Ian Masters celebrated his call-up for the Pick-of-the-League match with the Yeovil League at Somerton next weekend with a hat-trick as the Chinooks booked a home quarter-final with Pymore after beating Forton Rangers 4-0. Damon Hallett was also on target for

the visitors for whom Nick Walmsley was Mom.

Extra-time was need to split Merriott Reserves and Perry Street Reserves at Winchester Cross.

The Mothers eventually lined-up a home tie with Winsham United after goals from Kev Rowson, Danny Wiseman and Liam Riste saw them edge through 3-2. Matt Bisgrove and Haydn Smith netted for the Rovers.

Winsham had a much smoother pass hammering Chard Rangers 6-0 at Bakers Field.

## JACK VENN CUP QUARTER-FINAL

SHEPTON Beauchamp became the first of the Jack Venn semi-finalists after a 4-0 win over visiting Hinton. Anthony Smith gave the hosts a slender lead at the interval. But the visitors horrific run was extended to nine games without a win as strikes from Sam Murley (2) and Kris Hastings (pen) saw Shepton purr though.

## DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP

LAST season's runner-up Ilminster Colts had few problems in the local derby with Division Two outfit Dowlish & Donyatt.

Goals from Andy Fish, his ninth of the season, Paul Rutter, Dan Vining and Adam Male saw the Colts canteer through 4-0.

## PREMIER DIVISION

STRUGGLING Crewkerne Town trailed all the way through their match with Barrington at Shellway Lane. Craig Steel gave the Yellow-Hammers a 25th minute lead before Adam Gribble netted on the stroke of half-time to double the lead.

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## Premier Division

BEAMINSTER Reserves 9-0 144 8 24  
South Petherton 8-0 7 141 6 21  
Lyme Regis 7-6 0 122 9 18  
Barrington 9-5 2 22121 17  
Ilminster Res 9-4 1 42316 13  
Combe Reserves 8-4 1 31916 13  
Perry Street 9-4 1 42133 12  
Merrriott Rovers 7-3 0 41823 9  
Crewkerne 10-2 0 82033 6  
White Horse 7-1 0 61021 3  
Charmouth 10-0 0 0101363 0

## DIVISION TWO

21-49 and 100m Breaststroke 1-25-06 for the very first time with 3 firsts in the 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke, with a second in the 200m Freestyle. **Luke van den Barselaar, 14**, achieved 2 SWRQT's in the 100m Backstroke event: 1-09-37 and 200m Backstroke event with a personal best time of 2-30-68. He also secured first position in the 200m Individual Medley and won second in the 50m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 50m Breaststroke with a third in the 100m Freestyle. **Jake Fish, 16**, also gained 2 SWCCT in the 200m Freestyle: 2-07-13 (first place) and 50 Freestyle: 26.74 (second place). He also achieved second place in the 50m Butterfly and obtained 2 third positions in the 100m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly.

Other swimmers taking part were **Jade Hawkins, Lauren Harrison, Jenna Emery, Iain Ross, Beckie Rutherford, Jake Harvey and Mollie Simpson**, who all performed well, many obtaining personal bests throughout the day.

Other medallists were: **Charlie Kendall, 9, (2nd)** 50m Backstroke, (3rd) 50m Breaststroke. **Ella Harvey, 9, (3rd)** 50m Backstroke. **Lewis Pearson, 10, (3rd)** 200m Freestyle. **Susan Ross, 10, (3rd)** 50m Backstroke and

50m Butterfly. **Oliver Bilble, 11, (1st)** 50m Freestyle and 200m Backstroke. **Jamie Pullinger, 11, (1st)** 200m Individual Medley, (2nd) 50m Freestyle and 200m Backstroke (3rd) 50m Butterfly. **Elsie Emery, 11, (1st)** 200m Freestyle. (3rd) 100m Freestyle and 100m Individual Medley.

**Abigail Dare, 12, (1st)** 50m Backstroke, 100m Breaststroke and 200m Individual Medley, (2nd) 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke, and 200m Backstroke. **Ben Fowler, 13, (2nd)** 100m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. (3rd) 100m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley. **Laura Coombs, 14, (2nd)** 100m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly. **James Rutherford, 15, (3rd)** 200m Individual Medley and **Steph Hallam, 16, (3rd)** 50m Backstroke. .

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Winners of the events were:

**Regatta** K Borgeat, **Veterans**, B Carter, **Septuagenarians** J Hallet, **Langmoor trophy** I Mudford, **Schalch cup** (Summer knockout) B



Two GOALS: Joe Bond helped Lyme Regis to Coronation Final.

GONE: Charlie Youngs' goal couldn't save 10-man Pymore.

CRUCIAL STOP: Mark Carstairs' clearance saved Beaminster.

DRIMPTON maybe struggling at the wrong end of Division Two but spirits in the Greens camp are improving. 'We've got rid of a couple of troublemakers and things are much better now' explained player-manager Ali Francis.

On the field opponents Forton Rangers Reserves took an early lead with ex-Thorncombe and Chard United man Stuart Packer netting his first goal for his new club. Ben Britnell levelled midway through the half and the teams trooped off all-square. Adam Chant then raised Drimpton hopes of a first home win of the season but Dave Fowler pounced in the 82nd minute and the points were shared.

Things are looking bleak for Uplyme. Without key players Gavin Fowler (flu) and James Beddows (knee) they slumped to the bottom of the Division after a their sixth straight defeat, a 4-1 reverse at the hands of fellow strugglers Chard United.

The visitors led 2-0 at the break and although Richard Slade cut the deficit to 3-1 Chard had few problems in clinching the win and taking over the Swallows' 10th position.

**Division Two** PW D L F A Pts  
Millway Rise 9 8 1 0 27 13 25  
Norton Athletic 8 6 0 2 34 17 18  
Beaminster Res 7 4 0 3 14 15 12  
Hinton 9 3 2 4 25 21 11  
Shepton Beau 6 3 1 2 16 7 10  
Dowlish & Don 9 3 1 5 28 32 10  
Forton Reserves 7 2 3 2 12 14 9  
S.Petherton Res 8 2 2 4 19 19 8  
Drimpton 8 2 1 5 18 27 7  
Chard United 6 2 0 4 12 27 6  
Uplyme 7 1 1 5 10 23 4

## DIVISION THREE

LYME Regis Bantams were the day's top scorers crushing seemingly doomed Chard Rangers Reserves 8-1 at Jocelyn Park.

The hosts who have now conceded 23 times in their last three matches did draw level early on when John Mason netted his sixth goal in as many games.

But The Seasiders were rarely trouble and racked up their biggest away win since Hinton Reserves were beaten by the same score in the Bill Bailey Cup 11 years ago. Will Thomson (2), Robbie Prior, Jamie Jones and Harvey Brimicombe, with his debut goal, were amongst the Seasiders' marksmen.

New manager Neil Mackenzie, celebrating his first win at the helm, was pleased with his whole squad's efforts as they jumped two places to eighth.

Perhaps the shock result of the day was Millway Reserves' superb 3-2 at promotion chasing Crewkerne Rangers. Things appeared to be going by the book as Simon Denslow put Rangers 1-0 ahead at the break. Mark Pike bagged

an equaliser on 50 minutes before the razor-sharp Denslow cracked home his 25th of the season. Back came the Slopers and Ashley Hall made it 2-2 before Danny Larcombe sealed the surprise three point haul and fifth spot in the table.

Misterton also turned a few heads with a stunning 5-0 away-day hammering of League leaders Hawkchurch to enforce their own promotion hopes. All five goals came in the first-half with Darren House leading the way with a hat-trick and Dean Hyet and Will Brooks, chipping in with singles.

Crewkerne Reserves ended a five game winless run with a 4-2 victory over visiting White Horse Reserves. A brace from Dave Egon, Leroy Simmonds and Aaron Rogers were on target for the Tigers as they capitalised on some shoddy defending. Chris Mathews and Russell Weller conjured up the Horse consolations.

Fivehead United failed to find the net for the first time in more than two years, a run of 53 matches, as they draw 0-0 with Combe A.

**Division Three** PW D L F A Pts  
Hawkchurch 10 8 0 2 41 24 24  
Crewk Rangers 8 6 0 2 36 12 18  
Misterton Res 8 5 1 2 26 19 16  
Fivehead United 7 4 1 2 17 16 13  
Millway Res 10 4 0 6 21 26 12  
Combe A 8 3 1 4 14 18 10  
W.Horse Res 7 3 1 3 14 18 10  
Lyme Bantams\* 9 4 0 5 26 21 9  
Crewkerne Res 6 3 0 3 17 16 9  
Luso-Chard 7 3 0 4 20 20 9  
Shepton Res 9 3 0 6 21 35 9  
Chard Rangers 9 1 0 8 10 38 3

\* = points deducted

## DIVISION FOUR

CHARMOUTH Reserves remain rooted to the foot of the League after their eighth successive defeat – a 7-0 hammering away at Chard United Reserves.

**Division Four** PW D L F A Pts  
PtsWinsham Res 10 6 3 1 34 26 21  
Waytown Hnds 7 5 0 2 34 15 15  
Farway Res 7 4 3 0 23 12 15  
Hinton Reserves 9 4 3 2 22 15 15  
Ilminster Town A 6 4 1 3 18 10 15  
Chard United Res 8 4 1 3 22 18 13  
Barrington Res 7 3 1 3 20 19 10  
Thorncombe Res 8 2 1 5 15 25 7  
Combe B 9 2 0 7 29 32 6  
Hawkchurch Res 9 1 2 6 14 29 5  
Charmouth Res 8 1 1 6 8 38 3

\* = point deducted

## RESULTS

Saturday, December 12th  
Coronation Cup Final  
Dorset Intermediate Round 3  
Beaminster 2 Allendale 2aet  
Dorset Junior Quarter-Final

Atcombe St Nicholas FC

League fixtures resume on Jan 9th

Collis, **Eclectic** (total of best scores in competitions) S White, **Furley Meller Trophy** R Taylor, **Frost Cup** O Bosence & B Cable, **September Bowl** T Peardon, **Andrew Black Trophy** P West & S Thirlwall, **Biscombe Mixed mSummer knockout** Mr & Mrs T Grinter, **The Matrimonial Trophy** Mr & Mrs J Linnert, **The Centenary Trophy** Mrs J Andrews, **The Cox Summer Knockout trophy** S Broom, **The Biscombe Mens Team Winter knockout** M Warren & R Farrell, **The Toby Winter Knockout** D Lock, **The Darlow Trophy** I Mudford, **The Ladies Coronation Trophy** Mrs E Langford, **The Mens Matchplay Championship** D Lock, **The Old Colonials Team Event** S Love & J Ebdon, **The Tyros Trophy** A Woodbridge, **The Rover Cup** J Perryman, **The Wellings Trophy** R Sargent, **The Williams Bowl Club Championship** Scott Love.

Played over the full 18 hole course in cold but dry conditions some competitors found the biting wind a little difficult to handle. However, Rob Clapp of Crewkerne, a member of Lyme Golf club for some 29 years, used his skill and course knowledge to full effect to produce an almost faultless performance to score 39 points.

Driving long and low into the strong winds he matched his performance off the tee with an immaculate display of putting. In second place with 35 points was Josh Lamb - Wilson, a junior member playing off 9.

Third was Alan Beer of Axminster with 35 points. In the second division for players with a handicap of 20 or over, the winner was Mike List with a creditable score of 34 points. Second with 33 points was Rob Coombe.

# BIG FISH SWIM SCHOOL

## Youngsters shown their talents in Gala

THE second annual Big Fish Swim School Main Pool Gala for improved swimmers took place at the Bridport Leisure Centre (BLC) recently.

Organised by BLC, the swimming school teaches children ranging in ages from 7 years to 12 years old to swim in after school classes. New recruits are taught in the learner pool up to ASA Level 5 and then move to the main pool where they are taught up to ASA Level 12.

The Big Fish school teach children to swim in a non-competitive environment, although the gala gives them a chance to experience a race atmosphere against swimmers of the same ability whilst at the same showing parents and family how well they progressed.

Twenty five swimmers took part in three race categories; 25m freestyle, 25m back crawl and 25m obstacle race.

Every swimmer received a participation certificate and the first three in each race a medal funded by the Lions Club of Bridport. Lion Cathy Lay-Flurrie, who was very impressed with the swimmer's achievements, presented the medals whilst Lion Peter Garlick took the photos.

BLC Swimming Coordinator Penny Steventon said: "I would like to thank all the Bigfish swimming teachers for their help, Maria for organising, those who donated raffle prizes and the Bridport Lions Club for the funding. The Bigfish Learner Pool Gala will be in June 2010."

### Results:

#### 25m Freestyle

Level 6, 1st Oliver Matthews, 2nd Carla Wood, 3rd Louis Smith.  
Level 7, 1st Alison Newman, 2nd Jack James, 3rd Cameron Wills  
Level 8, 1st Daniel Elliott, 2nd Simon Loxton.  
Level 9+, 1st Jake Preston, 2nd Oliver De La Poer, 3rd Helen Foote..

#### 25m Back Crawl

Level 6, 1st Louis Smith, 2nd Caral Wood, 3rd Max James  
Level 7, 1st Alison Newman, 2nd Warren Harding, 3rd Jack James.

Level 8, 1st Daniel Elliott, 2nd Simon Loxton, 3rd Jasmine Slocombe  
Level 9+, 1st Oliver De La Poer, 2nd Helen Foot, 3rd Ella Gibson.

#### 25m Obstacle Race

Level 6, 1st Oliver Matthews, 2nd Carla Wood, 3rd Henry Knight.  
Level 7, 1st Philip Lyes, 2nd Jack James, 3rd Warren Harding.  
Level 8, 1st Jasmine Slocombe, 2nd Simon Loxton, 3rd Daniel Elliott.  
Level 9+, 1st Helen Foote, 2nd Jake Preston, 3rd Ella Gibson.



◆ WELL DONE: Some of the swimmers with their certificates.

## LYME REGIS DARTS LEAGUE

RESULTS from Thursday, December 10th: Division One - Nags Head B 0 Nags Head A 8, Nags Z 1 Rousdon Club 7. Division Two - Talbot Arms 7 George B 1.

**DIVISION ONE** PWD L F Apts  
Nags Head A 9 9 0 060 12 18  
Rousdon Club 9 7 1 155 17 15  
George A 3 3 2 333 31 8

Nags Z	9	3	1	531	41	7	George B	6	1	0	510	38	2
Lamb B	8	3	1	427	37	7	Royal Oak	6	0	1	5	7	41
Rockpoint A	8	2	2	427	37	6							
Lamb A	8	1	3	426	38	5							
Nags Head B	9	1	0	813	59	2							
<b>DIVISION TWO</b>	<b>PWD L F Apts</b>												
Talbot Arms A	7	6	0	143	13	12	◆ Stat leaders: 180s (top) Terry Prowse, Darren Herbert and Tony Young all 4.						
Rubber Johns	5	4	0	129	11	8	Highest shot-out: Ben Grainger (Nags Head A) 154.						
Royal Standard	6	3	1	228	20	7	For more info see: <a href="http://www.lymeregis-darts.leaguerepublic.com">www.lymeregis-darts.leaguerepublic.com</a>						
Young Guns +1	6	2	2	227	21	6							



◆ CUP WINNERS: Local swimmers were included as Chard & District Swimming Club won their third 'Top Visiting Club' trophy of the season at the Exeter Open Meeting recently. Full times and details are in the report on page 36 opposite.

## SPORT IN BRIEF

DORSET suffered a big blow to their Riley's British Inter-Counties Darts League hopes against Somerset at Bath.

The visitors slipped to second from bottom in the table following a 28-11 Division One defeat.

Somerset came out on top in all four matches, taking the Womens A event 4-2 and the Womens B clash, 5-1.

The hosts then hammered their opponents 9-2 in the Mens B contest before wrapping things up with 7-5 success in the Mens A match.

## WEYMOUTH SPEEDWAY

# EX-SKIPPER COCKLE RETURNS FOR WILDCATS

WILDCATS have received a much-needed early Christmas present.

The Wessex Stadium outfit have announced the return of James Cockle for the 2010 National League season.

The 23-year-old, who captained the side last term, has agreed terms with chairman, Phil Bartlett.

And if he can put his recent injury problems behind him – the ex-Birmingham was hampered by a knee problem towards the end of the season – manager, Jem Dicken, reckons Cockle will shine next summer.

Dicken told the Speedway Star: "His form only dipped after he had that crash halfway through the season. James hit four or five maximums on the bounce at home and he has definitely got it."

"He knows what he is doing and he can ride a bike, so I'm glad he is coming back."

"His form must have put his average down a bit because he was number one at one stage."

Cockle comes in on a 6.98 average with the manager predicting plenty of improvement because of it.

He added: "I'd like to see James up that average a bit and

if he's recovered from his injury then I'm sure he'll do just that. We know he's got it because he was up to an average of about 10 at one point last season."

Cockle joins Terry Day as Weymouth's only two confirmed riders with Tim Webster and James White-Williams having both joined Newport Mavericks.

But there's good news on Jon Armstrong, who hasn't ridden for the Wildcats since breaking his leg at the Wessex Stadium in May 2008.

"Phil has been up to talk to Jon," added Dicken. "And hopefully he'll be fine and we can get something sorted for next season."

Meanwhile two more of Weymouth's 2009 line-up have fixed themselves up away from the Wessex Stadium.

Both Matt Wright and Lee Smethills will be riding for National League rivals, Plymouth Devils next term.

Plymouth boss Mike Bowden said: "We are delighted to have them both. They are top riders and will prove to be big assets to Plymouth."

POOLE have snapped up Polish prospect Artur Mroczka for their 2010 Elite League title assault.

## First win of the season for Evolution

### BRIDPORT EVOLUTION 83 TAUNTON REVOLUTION 70

Exeter and District League Division One

Sunday, December 13th

BRIDPORT Evolution picked up their first win of the season in a dominant performance at home to Taunton.

With top scorers Craig Sorrell and James White both unavailable and with the return of Centre Michael Cox Bridport found themselves in an unusual situation.

For the first time this season Bridport out-sized their opponents but also for the first time Bridport had a shortage of recognised guards.

Sixteen-year-old Jack Latter was trusted with a starting spot and he grabbed the opportunity with both hands to show how he has grown this season. Latter scored two early points to settle any nerves and then MVP Michael Cox took control scoring 10 points in the first quarter.

Without their top scoring guards the scoring burden was passed to the big players and Cox, Glover and Scalabrino all did well down low scoring 28, 17 and eight points respectively.

Park controlled the ball well as point guard and as Taunton tried to stage a comeback late on he frustrated their defence with some tactical ball handling.

Taunton MVP Brett Cooper was given two technical faults late on as he became increasingly frustrated and had to be subbed out of the game.

Taunton began to find their three point shooting range but Park answered back with a three of his own and Brid-

port didn't lose their cool as they held on for the win.

Players and scorers: Cox 28, Tom Glover 17, Park 12, Scalabrino 8, Latter 6, Gray 6, Ross Hughes 4, Tsu-Yuly 2.

### EXETER UNIVERSITY 1 86 BRIDPORT EVOLUTION 45

Exeter and District League Cup

Monday, December 14th

AFTER winning the day before Bridport crashed out of the cup on Monday night as a depleted squad travelled to Exeter University.

Exeter University proved why they are top of the league as their well-drilled side played physically and consistently throughout.

Bridport matched their opponents through periods of the game but were punished for making too many unforced errors as has been the case on a number of occasions this season.

Bridport MVP Tom Glover led the scoring with 15 and Dan Park was close behind working tenaciously as he pounced on every loose ball and poor pass.

Bridport were pleased with their performance in a game they hadn't expected to win and will now look to progress further in the Plate tournament.

Players and scorers: Tom Glover 15, Park 11, Gray 7, Robertshaw 4, Tony Glover 4, Everitt 3, Tsu-Yuly 1, Lat-

## WEYMOUTH SAILING NEWS

### Monaco meeting opportunity for WPNSA

WEYMOUTH and Portland National Sailing Academy (WPNSA) chief executive, John Tweed, will be representing the South West at this week's World Yacht Racing Forum in Monaco.

He will one of 400 international delegates, including leading marine industry figures and sailing personalities, who will join serious discussions and debates into the future of global yacht racing over two days.

Debates and presentations will cover the commercial case for sailing sponsorship, the impact of yacht racing on host cities and ports, the measure and evaluation of sailing events' commercial return, sponsorship case studies and new media.

Guests will also have a unique insight into the world of other sports such as Formula 1 with Nick Fry, CEO of Championship Formula 1 team Brawn GP, who will be joining a panel discussion on 'what the sport of sailing can learn from other sports'.

The WPNSA recently celebrated one year of final completion and is now keen to work with international event holders, class associations and governing bodies to really promote the venue as multipurpose across the entire marine sector.

During the summer of 2009 WPNSA successfully hosted the Farr 45 Yacht Racing National Championships. With 125 event

berths available on custom built pontoons, award winning on-shore facilities, natural deep water harbour and direct access to the renowned yachting waters of Weymouth Bay, the venue is starting to attract some serious attention from yacht race event organisers.

The World Yacht Racing Forum will offer Mr Tweed a unique opportunity to network with potential international event organisers keen to bring future events to Weymouth and Portland.

He explained: "I am pleased to be attending the World Yacht Racing Forum and representing the South West. The Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy has a huge potential to become one of the world's premiere international yacht racing destinations and the event will be excellent for garnering knowledge into the positive commercial benefits that yacht racing can bring to host venues, cities and communities."

"We have the additional benefit of being adjacent to the new Portland Marina, which currently has a further 250 berths and ultimately will have almost 600. We believe this combination of facilities is unique and offers unrivalled opportunities for larger boats."

"We have enormous experience of race management with a very full programme of dinghy events and we now wish to exploit the opportunities for larger yachts to come and race in these very special waters."

## Shipton Gorge table-tennis

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SHIPTON followed last week's win over top side Pilgrims with another fine win in Division Two over third

placed Springfield to bring them within a point of their opponents with a match in hand.

Despite going down 2-3 to Springfield's number one Jim Saunders won his other two games to collect eight points. John Moseley lost 1-3 to the same

player but again won two games with his spin attack to gain eight points and David Poole did his bit with a more than useful five points to make the match safe before losing a close doubles 2-3 with Saunders.

John Moseley lost 1-3 to the same

## WEST DORSET FOOTBALL ROUND-UP

with STUART BROOM

## FLOOD SINKS TERRAS CUP HOPES

## WEYMOUTH 0 SALISBURY CITY 1

A LAST gasp strike by Chris Flood broke Terras hearts at the *View From Stadium*.

The Salisbury City midfielder pounced in the second minute of injury time to send the Whites through to the second round of the FA Trophy.

Underdogs Weymouth appeared to have done enough to earn a money-spinning replay when Rob Sinclair tossed a teasing cross into a packed home penalty box.

A mad scramble followed but the Terras failed to clear their lines with ball falling to Flood on the edge of the area.

He turned a cracked an unstoppable shot past Ryan Harrison, leaving the Terras no time for a dramatic comeback.

The defeat came as big blow to manager Ian Hutchinson, who had watched his side battle hard against the odds. And he also admitted it was disappointing to have lost out on another chance to bring much-needed revenue into the club.

Hutchinson said: "It's gutting! What a horrible way to lose a game. If we were hammered out of sight it would have been easier to take and we're just so disappointed.

"I can't say we played fantastic football, but we matched them all the way and gave it everything we had.

"A reply would have been well deserved and it's a real shame we won't be going any further

in the competition because the financial benefits are a big boost to any club, but especially ours."

Weymouth matched their higher league opponents through the opening half but neither side managed a real meaningful effort on goal in front of a woefully disappointing crowd of less than 700.

But the Terras did come close to taking the lead early in the second period, first through Matt Groves and then Josh Llewellyn.

Llewellyn's miss on 53 minutes was a bad one and it came after some great work from strike partner, Jake Reid.

Reid did well to release Llewellyn into space but he could only blast wide of the target when scoring had looked the easier option.

Those near misses seemed to inject life into the visitors and the Whites could have gone in front soon after when Bradley Gray shot straight at Harrison.

Opportunities then came the way of Chris Todd, Joseph Oastler and Matt Tubbs but finding the net was proving equalling hard for City.

As time ticked on a replay looked the obvious outcome until Flood arrived at the death to spare the Conference Premier club's blushes.

Hutchinson added: "When you play good sides you have to take your chances and we didn't. Both Jake and Josh have missed great

openings which is unlike them because they've been superb all season.

"We were made to pay and it's disappointing. But the boys should be proud of their efforts, as should the fans who were brilliant yet again."

**Weymouth were due to play their twice postponed Dorset Senior Cup tie against Gillingham Town at Harding's Lane last night.**

## CLEAN SHEETS EARN RYAN AWARD

RYAN Harrison has been named as Weymouth's player of the month for November.

The big goalkeeper (pictured right) kept three clean sheets and played a huge part in the Terras' improved run of form.

Manager Ian Hutchinson said: "The players have responded fantastically over the past few weeks and Ryan is no exception.

"He's a talented lad who has pulled off some great saves in recent games and I'm sure he's going to keep getting better and better with experience."

The award was presented by Ian White on behalf of Weymouth FC Supporters Travel Club.

## REID COMMITS TO TERRAS

**STIKER** Jake Reid has committed his future to Weymouth.

*The Terras top scorer was being stalked by fellow Blue Square South side, Weston-super-Mare, and in fact the Seagulls put in a seven-day approach for the man who has netted eight times this term.*

*But despite the chance of both increased wages and security, Reid has decided to stay at Weymouth.*

*He said: "It's nice to be wanted obviously, but I'm totally committed to Weymouth.*

*"We have some big and important games coming up over the next few weeks and I want to be involved and to be part of what's going on at the club.*

*"We are starting to re-*

*ally turn things around and I reckon our league position would be much healthier if we had had the same squad at the start of the season as we have got now."*

*Meanwhile the Terras have secured the services of Jamie McGuiness for a second month on loan from Rushden and Diamonds.*

*And they have also taken central defender-cum-midfielder Scott Bennett on a month's loan from League One, Exeter City.*

*Manager Ian Hutchinson explained: "Getting Jamie for a second month is great news and I'm sure the fans will be as pleased as I am.*

*"He's a good lad and has fitted in really well and I'm grateful to Rushden for allowing him to stay."*

*"Scott's arrival from Exeter is also a timely boost because that central defence/midfield area is somewhere we've been trying to strengthen. Scott is only 19 but he is very well thought of and people have big hopes for him. Again, I'd like to thank Exeter and their first team coach Andy Tillson."*

## DISMAL BEES FALL TO MAGGS

## BRIDPORT 0 HENGROVE ATHLETIC 1

A LACKLUSTRE display saw Bridport slip to defeat against an in-form Hengrove Athletic which manager Trevor Senior described as one of their worst performances of the season.

A goal from Marcus Maggs was enough to give the visitors the points when he scrambled the ball home 19 minutes from the end of a drab game that failed to excite the small crowd who braved the elements.

Despite Hengrove having to play defender Tom Kingston in goal, Bridport failed to really test him whilst Simon Evans produced three superb second half saves to keep the score to a single strike.

The first half was a dreary affair which got worse for Bridport when they lost central defender Chris Senior with a badly gashed knee after being caught by an opponents stud. He was replaced by skipper Darren Lock who has been sidelined for a month with a knee injury.

Ben Clarke in for the unavailable Shane Evans had what could be loosely called Bridport's first real effort on goal early in the second half but his 20-yard shot missed the goal by a wide mark.

Hengrove who came to St Mary's Field on the back of five consecutive league wins showed more urgency after the break, and keeper Simon Evans in his second month on loan with the Bees, produced three stunning saves to keep them at bay.



Ryan Harrison receives his Player of the Month award from Ian White.

He was finally beaten though on 71 minutes when Maggs grabbed the goal they just about deserved for their endeavours.

Senior introduced Lewis Cocker midway through the second half for his first game for three months and Bridport did increase the pressure in the final minutes with both Cocker and Darren Watts testing Kingston but they failed to find the net. The defeat sees Bridport slip two places to 16th.

## PORTLAND UTD 2 BRIDPORT RESERVES 0

A WEAKENED Bridport side showed a lack of cutting edge up front as suffered defeat at the hands of Portland Untied.

Bridport were left without a recognised goalkeeper after being let down at the last minute and defender Chris Herbst was left to deputise in goal.

Bridport battled hard in midfield with Carl and Martin Bulman working well with Tommy Coggins to control possession.

Bridport lacked the creativity up front however and were left to settle for speculative efforts. Coggins came closest to scoring with an inspired 30-yard effort. Sam Day worked tirelessly at the back for Bridport but after taking the lead Portland never looked like conceding. Dominic McAllister worried Portland momentarily but could only aim his shot into the side netting.

Bridport played Wincanton last night in the last 16 of the Dorset Senior Trophy. Manager Mike Savage has singled this out as a must win game as his side hope to go one better than their finalists achievement last season.



■ DECIDER: Salisbury's Chris Flood (extreme left) pounces to knock Weymouth out of the FA Trophy.

## RUGBY ROUND-UP

ON the first fine winters day since I don't know when, I gladly eschewed the wearing of my wet weather gear and made my way to Crewkerne to watch the home side play Taunton thirds.

## WEYMOUTH 15pts BLANDFORD 19pts

WEYMOUTH may well refer to this game as, "the one that got away" but, in fact, they were not at their best throughout. They missed two chances to take the lead via the boot in the first ten minutes and, although their opponents were wide with a similar chance also early on, it was Blandford who took the lead with an unconverted try at about the end of the first quarter.

The home side's woes increased when they had a man sent to the bin for a high tackle and their opponents kicked a penalty goal in his absence to lead by eight points to nil.

They came straight back however, fielding the restart and running the ball back through their wide runner. He found support in number eight forward Julian White who completed the move to touch down the try that remained unconverted. Peplow made amends for the miss in short order; kicking a penalty goal late in the half to tie the scores 8-8 at the halfway stage.

His side did suffer from a second sin binning with a few minutes of the half remaining however.

The home side were guilty of missing touch with a relieving clearance early in the second period. The ball was run back at them to very good effect and the move ended with Blandford scoring their second unconverted try of the game, again out wide. They added a penalty a few minutes later and moved clear at 8-16, with the game now well into the final quarter.

Weymouth had perhaps not used their wide runners overmuch but now did so and winger Will Quick showed considerable pace to take the outside channel and to run in from halfway. Peplow converted this score and his side were now back to within a point at 15-16.

They then imposed themselves on their opponents for much of the final ten minutes but could not score. Blandford eventually sent them empty away and, with a couple of minutes left for play, got back into home territory and took the three points on offer when Weymouth infringed. This score took them out of penalty goal range and they held on for the win.

## BLANDFORD 2nd 12pts WEYMOUTH 2nd 30pts

WEYMOUTH established a very considerable edge at both scrum and lineout early on and maintained it throughout; and it was this dominance of set piece possession that was respon-

sible for this very comfortable win.

They maintained a considerable territorial advantage from the start until the whistle for no side and scored tries through Carl Sankey, Nathan Allen, Jack Pearce and Gareth Isles. Allen converted two of the scores and kicked two penalty goals for good measure to complete his side's scoring.

The home side, starved of useable possession, and pinned in their own territory for much of the time, scored two breakaway tries, one of which they converted, but these were little more than a consolation.

## BRIDPORT 34pts NORTH DORSET 2nd 8pts

BRIDPORT have not been playing too well recently and it would have been most satisfying for their camp that they saved what was probably their best performance of the season for this first versus second game. In fact it was the visitors who had a very distinct edge in both territory and possession throughout the first quarter.

The home side defended well however and did in fact have a try disallowed after some fifteen minutes. The game was some twenty five minutes old when number eight Blakesley picked up at the base, made good ground and put winger Stubbs in at the corner for the try that remained unconverted.

They fell from grace immediately however by conceding a penalty more or less straight from the restart and North Dorset reduced their lead by kicking the goal. Bridport were beginning to establish themselves though, and Blakesley, who was prominent throughout, picked up and drove over some five minutes before half time to give his side a 10-3 interval lead.

The third quarter was Bridport's most productive of the game. Early on Jack Guylor, now back from injury, took ball at out half from a lineout, fed his number eight on the inside and was on hand to take the scoring pass. Everett converted this try and Bridport were clear at 17-3 ahead.

More was to come. A couple of minutes later they turned over possession on halfway, spun the ball wide, Everett looped and ran round to the posts. (Place kickers do tend to do that for obvious reasons.) He duly converted his own try but could not add the extras to a Tim Edwards touch down, made from a driven lineout, a few minutes later.

At 29-3 ahead Bridport were away and clear, and it only remained for Blakesley to complete a flowing move after he had run wide out.

Bridport did ring the changes in the final quarter and lost a little in cohesion as a consequence. Their opponents' who had never given up did get a consolation try in the last ten min-

utes, but it was no more than that.

## NORTH DORSET 3rd 39pts BRIDPORT 2nd Nil

NOT such good news for the Bridport second side. A lack of commitment and communication meant that they had to travel to North Dorset thirds with just 14 men, including one or two elder statesmen.

They defended, what was a hopeless cause, stoutly enough and the game remained scoreless for the first quarter. The home side then scored a couple of times and took a 15-0 scoreline in at the break.

It was a case of "fresh legs versus tired and aging limbs" after the break and North Dorset stretched away to win with some ease in the end.

## DORCHESTER 38pts BRADFORD ON AVON 6pts

THIS was not one of Dorchester's better days, playing against a side which has yet to win in the Southern Counties (South) League so far this season.

They did take an early lead with a try by centre, Waddington, converted by Jones, only for the visitors to counter with a penalty goal.

Dorchester increased their lead around the end of the first quarter with an unconverted try, touched down by Hodgeson after good work by his fellow prop, Barnet.

It was a messy contest however, especially in the area of the set scrummage, with the referee intervening often. This did not help the game to flow and, although Bradford threatened occasionally in attack, the home defence coped and the score remained at 12-3 at the half way stage.

A try by Newson put daylight between the sides early in the second period, countered by a dropped goal from the visitors.

Thereafter however, the game deteriorated, with Bradford on Avon not offering much and Dorchester unable to lose the shackles. With some ten minutes left the visitors were reduced to 14 men through injury to one of their centres.

Bradford then ran completely out of steam and Dorchester ran in three tries at the last, almost completely unopposed. Harvey, Baker and skipper Dave Gower were the scorers and, with Rossiter converting all three, Dorchester stretched away to a final scoreline that flattered them more than somewhat.

## PREVIEW

HAVING endured a couple of setbacks in the league over the last few weeks that were perhaps, not wholly unexpected, DORCHESTER made it "business as usual" on Saturday last. They should continue in this vein on the last league Saturday.

## with Keith Jenkin

in 2009 when they travel to OLDFIELD OLD BOYS.

They beat these opponents by a distance earlier in the season and the Bath side have shown few signs of an improvement in their form since, although they did run North Dorset close a couple of weeks ago, in conditions that, I understand, were barely playable.

Dorchester should win this one, and with a bit to spare, injury issues notwithstanding. They might need to raise their performance a notch from that of last week however.

BRIDPORT for their part, have what is a potential banana skin to deal with when they visit WIMBORNE 2nd. They did beat these opponents very comfortably indeed earlier in the season but I do feel that this one will be different.

The earlier win took place on a dry hard pitch, and the Brewery Field club did not have a long injury list to contend with. I think they will win after a contest that will certainly be harder than they imagine.

WEYMOUTH too face opponents that they have already beaten on their own ground. They make the journey to FROME seconds, a side which narrowly lost to Bridport a couple of weeks ago. I do hold the opinion however that Weymouth are a better side in the wet than their neighbours along the coast and that they will come back with a win after a close contest.

As to the second sides, Dorchester seconds face in Ellingham and Ringwood seconds, a side whose place kicker kicked Bridport seconds to a narrow defeat couple of weeks ago and they will most certainly have to watch their discipline for they will be made to pay for any infringement. If they can keep their penalty count low, then they have a chance.

Bridport seconds face an easier task with the visit of Salisbury thirds, while the Weymouth second side will be in for a long afternoon when they entertain Wincanton.

**FIXTURES** 19th December - Bridport v Wimborne 2nd (away); Bridport 2nd v Salisbury 3rd (home); Chard 2nd v Wells (home); Chard 2nd v North Petherton 2nd (away); Chard 3rd v Minehead Barbarians 3rd (away); Chard Colts v Taunton Colts (home); Crewkerne v Wells 2nd (away); Dorchester v Oldfield Old Boys (away); Honiton 2nd v South Molton (home); Honiton 2nd v No Game; Honiton Colts v Exeter Colts (home); Sidmouth v Ivybridge (home); Sidmouth 3rd v Bideford 3rd (home); Sidmouth Colts v Bideford Colts (away); Weymouth 2nd v Wincanton (home); Weymouth 2nd v Frome 2nd (away); Weymouth 2nd v Wincanton (home).

## WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP

## HORSE RACING ROUND-UP

## River Indus takes the plaudits

IT WAS a fairly good day at the office at Cheltenham on Friday for Bob Buckler despite only one of his three horses being placed, with all of them giving very creditable performances in fairly high class fields.

**River Indus** took the plaudits with his third place in the Cf Roberts Electrical Mechanical Services Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase over 2 miles 5 furlongs. Making the pace from the start, he took the lead as they headed for home, but the nine-year-old couldn't hold off the finisher of winner Sound Stage and Qhilimar.

"Nathan (Sweeney) gave him a brilliant ride," said Buckler. "He was well positioned at the front and went for home but just didn't have the speed to finish."

"It was a super run and he ran up to the best of his ability running off a higher marker than he did when he won."

**Double Dizzy**, ridden by Andrew Glassonbury also ran a superb race in just finishing out of the money in the Class 2 Glenfarclas Cross Country Handicap Chase.

Vying for the lead all the way over the tortuous 33 fence course, Glassonbury took up the lead three fences from home but was beaten for speed to the line to finish eight lengths down in fifth place to 9/4 favourite Garde Champetre.

"Another super run," glowed Buckler. "Andrew said in hindsight he wishes he had held him up a bit longer, as they were a touch too quick at the finish, but I have no complaints about his tactics, and he gave him a great ride."

"The horse is a bit of a thinker and likes to be kept interested and I thought the variation of terrain and fences would stretch him, and it very nearly paid off."

"It was a bit of a gamble, 3 miles 7 furlongs for him, but he did re-

ally well."

The handicapper who has continually penalised **Clyffe Hanger** this season for consistent performances despite not winning finally won the battle when the nine-year-old after another consistent genuine run could finish no better than seventh in the Class 2 Boylepoker.com Handicap Hurdle over 3 miles.

Under Harry Skelton he was in touch from the start and started to make headway to chase the leaders three out but was outpaced going for the line.

The handicapper has finally got hold of him and at 9-years-old he is not going to get any quicker. He's not the bravest over fences, but we'll now try him back over them as he's a big horse."

It wasn't the greatest of weeks for his other three runners though.

**Mrs Overall** found the pace too quick in the high class Brian Lenthall Farm Contract Services Novices' Hurdle at Taunton on Thursday finishing well down the field behind winner Tito Bustillo the odds-on favourite.

"They were too quick for her but she stayed on nicely at the finish," was Buckler assessment.

**John's Gift** has a nightmare run in the Class 1 Albert Bartlett Bristol Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham on Saturday and finished last in the field.

"He hit the first hurdle and nearly every one after that," be-moaned Buckler. "We haven't been able to school him outside recently because of the weather, but he has done well indoors, but this just wasn't his day. He didn't jump well and they were too quick for him."

**Fun Guy** completed the trio of poor runners when he couldn't cope with the horrendous conditions in the bumper at Hereford on Sunday and finished near the back. Although the four-year-old tracked the leaders he dropped back four furlongs from home as he tired in the mud.

"It was horrible, sticky ground and he just couldn't cope with it. He wasn't the only one on the day as there were previous winners that couldn't handle it. In hind-

sight I would have been better not running him in the circumstances."

**The Sawyer** who was balloted out of the Boylesport Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Saturday is likely to run at Ascot or Haydock over the weekend. **Mizurka** is also likely run whilst **Crank Hill** goes at Exeter on Thursday.

## Blow to Mitchell as Listener ruled out for season

DORSET handler Nick Mitchell is convinced his stable star, The Listener, will be back to his best again next season.

The flying grey, trained in Piddle-trethide near Dorchester, has been ruled out for the rest of this campaign with a tendon injury in his off-rear leg.

The injury came just days after the 10-year-old romped to a 15-length victory in the Grade 1 JN-wine.com Champion Chase at Down Royal.

Mitchell said: "It's a major blow for his owners Ray and Sue Humphreys, myself and the yard, as we were all looking forward to a great season with him after the way he won at Down Royal, as he showed all his old zest."

"However, I wasn't happy with the horse and we monitored him closely and it became apparent something was amiss."

"It was decided to have his off-rear leg scanned and unfortunately that showed there is a minor problem with his tendon. It is enough to make us stop with him this year."

The trainer added: "Luckily we have caught the problem early enough, before any really serious damage was done, and he should make a full recovery and be back in training next autumn."

Meanwhile, Mitchell confirmed Ellerslie George, which completed a spectacular double I in the Badges Ales chase at Wincanton on the same day as The Listener's Irish victory, is all set to run in the BGC Silver Cup at Ascot, Berkshire on Saturday.

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## THE BIG LOCAL-DERBY: TICKET NEWS

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BOXING DAY DERBY

DORCHESTER Town Football Club has issued important information regarding arrangements for the Boxing Day derby against Weymouth at the Jewson Stadium.

They are as follows: *Entrance to the Terraces will be through the designated turnstiles and is pay on the day*

*Prices: Adults £9.00 / Seniors and students £5.50 / Children under 16 £2.50*

*Weymouth supporters have been allocated the north side of the stand (Tesco end) and home Dorchester supporters will be in the south side (bypass end)*

*The Main Stand will be all ticket*

*Prices: Adults £10.00 / Seniors and students £6.50 / Children under 16 £2.50*

*Please note that Main Stand season ticket holders MUST obtain a numbered ticket (on production of their season ticket) BEFORE entering the turnstile.*

*These tickets are available in advance from The Jew-*

*son Stadium from Wednesday December 9th and Dorchester supporters with main stand season tickets are strongly advised to obtain a numbered ticket for a seat of their choice as soon as possible.*

*If any tickets remain they will be sold on the day of the match from the designated ticket office windows. The Princes' Marquee will be open before and after the match and will be available to both sets of supporters. Please note that for safety reasons the bar will close at 2.30pm and only re-open after the match.*

*The Lounge Bar will be open for Sponsors and Vice President Ticket holders only and will not be available for supporters use.*

*We do not advise parking in the Halfords / Currys retail park as clamping is in operation. It is £1.00 to park in the Stadium car park.*

*As a large crowd is expected for this game we advise supporters to arrive early to avoid unnecessary delays close to kick-off time.*

*For further information or to book tickets please contact the main office on 01305 262451 or call in any time Monday – Friday 9.00am- 3.30pm*

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## DORCHESTER TOWN FC LADIES

## Magpies Ladies looking for more players

DORCHESTER Town Ladies Football Club are on the lookout for more players.

The Magpies who came third in the Dorset Ladies League last year train at the TA Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6.45pm and are looking for a handful of new players.

Team Captain Becky Narramore says: "New players don't need to have experience of playing football, just the enthusiasm to learn. We have one player who joined recently having never played before and she's doing really well. Football is a fantastic way of keeping fit and training sessions are great fun with lots of laughs. We have a brilliant social side to the club too and any new players that join us would be made to feel welcome. Joining the team is great for

making new friends and a fun way of keeping fit and in shape."

Dave Ring, Secretary for Dorchester Town Supporters Trust, who are helping promote the ladies team urged local girls to get involved: "Ladies football is really beginning to take off here in the UK, with the English team reaching the Euro finals and Arsenal Ladies becoming one of Europe's leading teams."

"Football is one of the best ways possible of keeping fit and a lot more fun than plodding along on a treadmill. The ladies team have a great social aspect to the team as well, and I would urge anyone out there thinking about it to pop along to the TA Centre one Wednesday evening and give it a try."

The Ladies play every Sunday afternoon followed by a free meal at the George. Anyone interested should contact Manager Tim Carter on 07864 682 538 or email [dorchardies\\_fc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dorchardies_fc@hotmail.co.uk)

For more information, visit the Ladies team's website at <http://dtfc.wetpaint.com/>



◆ Dorchester Ladies pictured with their manager Tim Carter.

## WEST BAY SEA ANGLING CLUB

## Dad shows son how it's done!

MIKE Mears swapped his mechanics overalls for waterproofs recently to beat his son into second place in the annual *Juniors v Parents Trophy* match at West Bay Sea Angling Club.

Mike won the overall competition catching 341g of fish including 209g of legal weight, to beat his son Oliver, an England Junior international, into second place as top junior with 326g including 118g of legal weight.

The competition, which was rearranged because of the weather conditions, attracted seven juniors and twelve adults fishing from East Pier. Fifteen competitors managed to tempt the fish mainly using ragworm for bait, the usual species caught included flounder, rockling, silver eel, pollack and pout; in all 53 fish were caught of which 38 were rockling.

Juniors Aiden Dean, Steven Rathbone and Connor Hallett took the next three places with Will Halliday in sixth place the next best placed adult just ahead of Sheila Ford and Hugh

Rathbone.

Kirsty Hallett's 119g flounder won her heaviest flat fish whilst a 178g pout earned Aiden Dean both the heaviest round fish and pout prizes. Steven Rathbone had the heaviest rockling whilst Elliot Joy won the wooden spoon.

Prizes were donated by The Old Watch House Café, Tiny, Fred Bowditch and Frank Daw.

Only six members turned out to fish the last *Andy Neal Rover* of the year, on a wet, windy and cold night.

The night's winner Paul House decided to fish Weymouth stone pier, where he managed to catch three dogfish and two pout totalling 305g. This helped him win the *Andy Neal Trophy* for the year with a total weight of 43kg 385g, just beating Phil Maggs into second place by couple of hundred grams; a close result after twelve matches.

Dave Cormick finished second with 740g of fish.

Oliver Mears, who was third on the night with 295g, retained the *Jake Neal Trophy* for the winning junior in the *Andy Neal Rover* series, with a total weight of 37kg 670g which also placed him third overall. In total 28 members fished this series over the year.

Steve Harwood caught most species on the night; three species of dogfish, pout and rockling, whilst Chris Harwood's 85g shore rockling was heaviest fish.



BRRRR!: From left; Michael Mears winner of the Junior v Parents, Elliot Joy (Wooden Spoon) and Fred Bowditch (President).



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### TALKING WITH TREVOR.....

## Senior injury blow to Bees

A BADLY gashed knee sustained by Bridport manager Trevor Senior's son Chris means the Bees will be without their key defender over the Christmas period.

Senior sustained the injury midway through the first half when an opponents stud ripped open a gash in his kneecap, so deep you could see the bone.

"It is very deep. It's the size and shape of a two pence piece and needed a couple of stitches," said Senior senior.

"It's very swollen and red, we hope it isn't infected. He has been told that he must do nothing until the stitches are removed in ten days time, so it is not going to be until the New Year before he is playing again."

Fortunately skipper Darren Lock who has been sidelined for a month with a knee injury came off the bench to replace Senior and appears to have come through the game without any problems except a little soreness.

Saturday also saw the return of striker Lewis Coker who has been out of action with a foot injury for three months. He came on midway through the second half and also appears to have come through without any reaction.

"To be fair he didn't see much of the ball as we didn't create much and our quality of ball to him was poor."

by Stuart Broom

Senior was very disappointed with his sides performance which he described as 'one of the worst of the season'.

"We never got going, and the first half was almost a non-event. The ground was very heavy and we didn't really cope with it. With neither really threatening the goal, one of the subs said that it had 0-0 written all over it. That would have suited us to be honest in the circumstances as we didn't really deserve anything from the game."

Last night the club played a hastily rearranged friendly against Dorchester Town at the Jewson Stadium.

"Their game against Lewes was postponed following their opponents involvement in the FA Trophy which would have meant Dorchester would have been without a game for two weeks, said Senior. It will be a useful run out for both sides."

Lee Cleal was scheduled to play for the reserves last night in the Dorset Senior Trophy replay against Wincanton Town Reserves which was abandoned two weeks ago due to the waterlogged state of the ground. Cleal left St Mary's to return to Lyme Regis at the beginning of November, but appears to have made his peace with the club.

Senior decided not to risk Matt Moors who has recovered from a knee injury last Saturday as he has now picked up a chest infection. However he may play some part in the Bees home match against Almondsbury on Saturday if he has recovered.



BRIDPORT & Beaminster Junior Hockey Club got a boost recently when they received new team shirts from sponsors Kitson & Trotman. The club is part of the Beaminster Ladies Hockey Club and members of both the ladies team and the men's West Dorset Hockey Club have been offering young players the opportunity to learn their skills over the past ten years. The club boasts around 40 members aged from 8-14 years old, but is always looking for new players to join. Currently Emma Davies coaches the younger group (8-11 years), and stalwart Lee Connolly, who has been with the club since the start, the older members together with support from other adult players of the club which meet on Tuesday nights at The Sir John Colfox School Astroturf pitch between 5.30pm and 6.30pm. Anyone wishing to know more about the club or indeed to join should ring Sarah Davies on 07811172943 or turn up on training night which recommences in the New Year on Tuesday January 5th. The picture shows club members sporting their new shirts with Richard King and Matthew Price of Kitson & Trotman (centre) together with coaches (from left) Lee Connolly, Sarah Davies, Danielle Donovan and Emma Davies.



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